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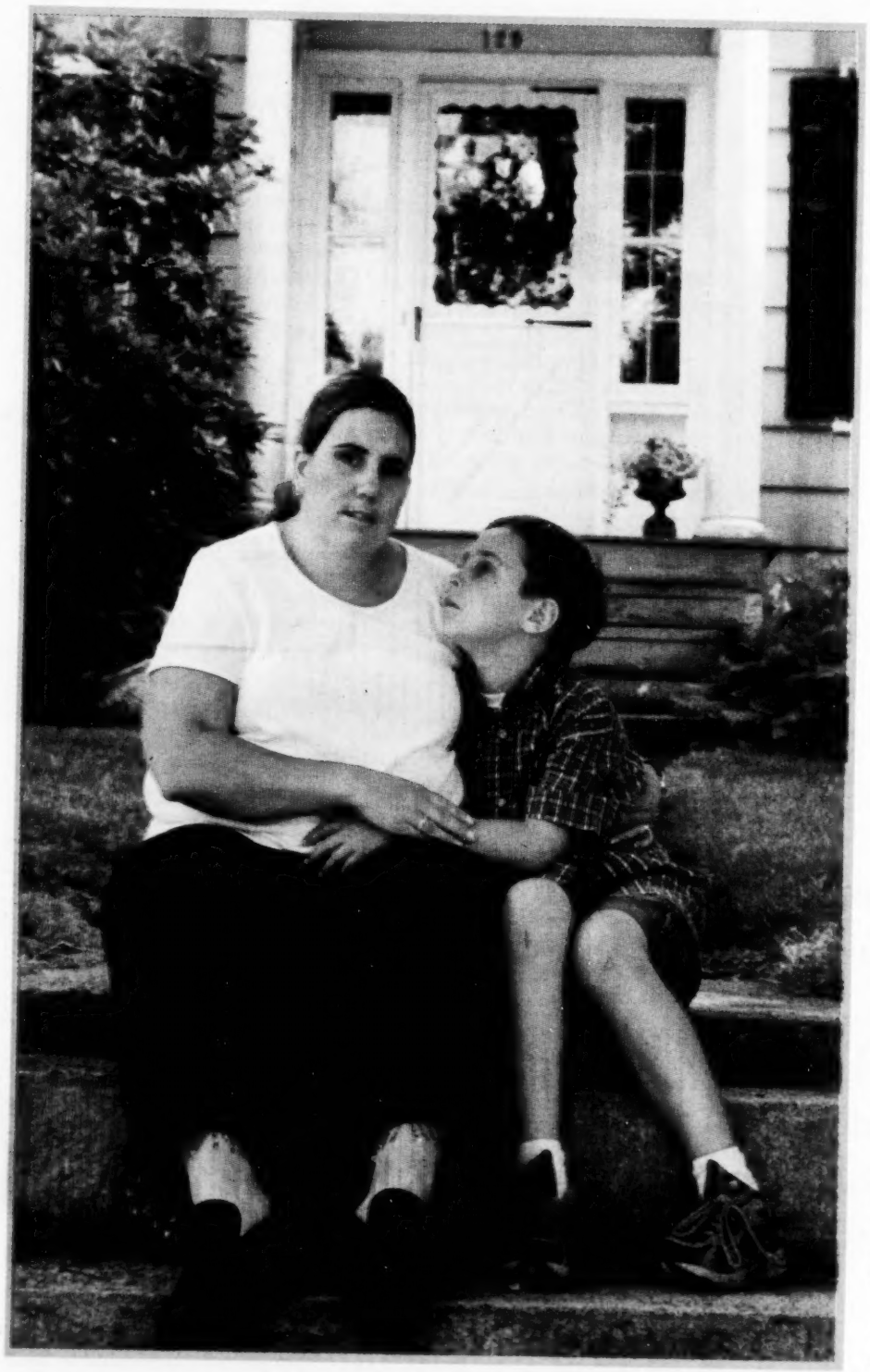

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Andover native Tara Richards-Heim and her son, Johnny, 8, face an Oct. 1 deadline to find an affordable home to purchase, which probably means moving out of Andover.

PRICED Out of Andover

By Rebecca Piro

For native Tara Richards-Heim, the day her young family packs up and moves out of Andover will be a sad one.

Her rent at Riverview Commons is going up and her lease runs out Oct. 1. She can't afford to stay where she is, and she can't afford to buy in Andover – where she wants to be.

"We're getting to the end of the wire here," she says, looking sadly around her attractive two-bedroom apartment. It costs her and husband Darrell $1,500 a month, and there's no yard for Johnny, 8, to play in.

"My family is here. Everybody I know is here," she says. "But unless you're in a high-tech job making a fortune, you just can't live here."

Richards-Heim is one of many young people getting priced out of town – something that's happening to families just starting out who can't compete with newcomers holding big pocketbooks. The inflated prices of Andover property today are a far cry from the $75,000 paid by Richards-Heim's grandmother almost 25 years ago for a family home at 129 Haverhill St.

Arlene Jackson, a realtor at Keller-Williams Realty on Park Street, says that's a hard but simple truth.

"I can't imagine any family, just starting out without help from anyone, being able to afford a home in Andover," she says. But the reality doesn't surprise her. "If you decide, 'I want to live in Andover, and how dare Andover not have a home that fits my pocketbook,' that's convoluted thinking. You have to live where you can afford."

"This is life, this is progress," agrees realtor Bill Comeau. "The economic wheel turns round and round."

If that's true, Andover's wheel has been picking up speed. It boasts properties with some of the highest asking prices in the Merrimack Valley, such as the 19-room colonial at 10 Regency Ridge going for $3.2 million. The lowest asking price in town this week was $199,900 at 27 Stevens St.

But for Richards-Heim, living in Andover isn't just about living at a desirable address, with a prosperous industrial base and prime location next to two major interstates. It's about staying in a quality community, and holding a sense of gratitude for the positive

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▲ 10 Regency Ridge $3.2 million

27 Stevens St. ◀ $199,900

COMPARATIVE HOME PRICES

These are the asking prices for homes for sale in Andover and surrounding areas. The figures, for July 20, are from the Multiple Listing Service, a local listing shared by realtors in the Merrimack Valley.

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Lowest — 6-room colonial, 27 Stevens St., $199,900

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Highest — 6 rooms, lot (not built yet) $249,000

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Lowest — 5 rooms, 6A King St., $132,900

Highest — 7-room bungalow, 15 Myrtle St., $499,900

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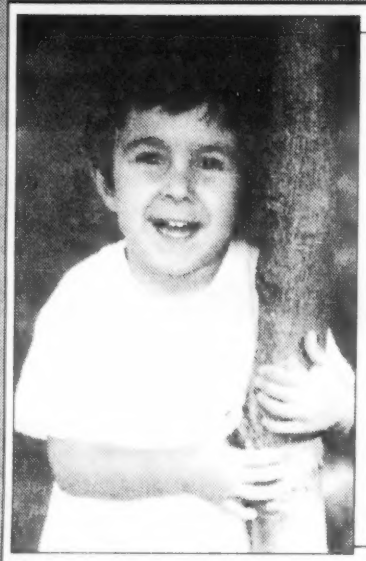
Lowest — 5-room ranch, 447 Stevens St., $209, 876

Highest — 10-room colonial, 3 Saile Way, $1.8 million



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Web question

Are young families who grew up here getting priced out of town?

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was: All information about the safety center project will come from the town manager. How does that decision make you feel? Of 38 respondents:

▶ 2 people, or 5 percent, said, "Good. Progress should improve with the top man paying close attention to it."

▶ 1 person, or 3 percent, said, "Good. Putting one person in charge will help stop the negative publicity."

▶ 1 person, or 3 percent, said, "Nervous. The fact that the town manager has stepped in and shut off other sources sets off warning signals."

▶ 31 people, or 82 percent, said, "Upset. If there is information that needs to come out, it should not be controlled or withheld by a town official."

▶ 3 people, or 8 percent, said, "Indifferent."

This week's question: Are you concerned that some young families who grew up in Andover are getting priced out of town?

- Yes. It is a shame when young people cannot raise their children in the same town in which they grew up.
- Yes. Andover should have more affordable housing available to anyone who needs it.
- Yes. Andover will lose some of its character and diversity if only high-income people can afford to live here.
- No. If a family doesn't have the money to live here, that's just the way it is.
- No. Andover's increasing property values are a boon to the town.
- No. There are plenty of affordable housing opportunities in other local communities.

To vote, surf to: <www.andovertownsman.com>.

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IN BRIEF

Tax bills in mail

The Town of Andover has mailed the real estate tax bill for the first quarter of fiscal year 2002. This is a preliminary bill based on actual fiscal year 2001 taxes. Payment is due Wednesday, Aug. 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

The town offices at 36 Bartlet St. are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox with the blue Town of Andover seal in front of Town Offices.

The tax collector's office will also be open Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 978-623-8200.

Health clinics set

A clinic jointly staffed by both Home Health VNA and the Andover Health Department will be held at Andover Commons on Monday, Aug. 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. Call the health department at 978-470-3800 Ext. 255; or Home Health VNA at 978-552-4716 for more information.

Donate a pint

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Andover area to give blood on Tuesday, Aug. 7 when the bloodmobile comes to the Andover Town House (Old Town Hall), 20 Main St., Route 28. Donor hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh more than 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

Show for seniors

"There's Something About Andover," a monthly program produced and directed by Andover seniors, will host State Sen. Sue Tucker throughout August to discuss the "circuit breaker" tax credit now available to seniors.

Those eligible for the tax credit have a property tax exceeding 10 percent of their total income. The program airs on the local-access channel on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7 p.m., and on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 9 a.m.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

James Kim shows Rebecca Long the proper way to play close to the net in a doubles match, in the DCS Tennis Academy program at Rec Park.

Samaritans need volunteers

The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley group is holding an information night for prospective volunteers on Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 7 to 8:30 at the Samaritan Center, 169 East St., Methuen.

Volunteers are needed to staff the 24-hour crisis phone lines, and to befriend the needy, despairing, and suicidal. Teen volunteers are also needed.

For more information, call 978-688-0030.

Car wash benefits mitten project

Eight-year-old Kristina Giangrande of Andover raised $4,600 and collected 389 sets of hats and mittens last year to help school children in Lawrence keep warm last winter.

Kristina plans to sponsor a similar mitten drive this winter and is kicking off the project with a car wash. The car wash will be held Saturday, July 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. behind Andover Bank. The cost is $5 a car. Kristina has set a goal of raising enough money for 800 sets of hats and mittens for this year's project.

Correction

In last week's *Townsman*, it was incorrectly stated that the new Phillips Academy hockey rink facility will be completed this fall. The article, "Another historic building on the move at Phillips," ran on page 15. The rink will actually be completed and open to the public by summer of 2002.

Quote, unquote . . .

I DON'T THINK THAT ANDOVER will have ever have a more in-depth study of its form of government than what we're doing.

— Mike Morris Sr., Town Government Review Committee chairman. **(Story, Page 4)**

I THINK THEY HAD A REALLY DISTORTED OUTLOOK on exactly what this was going to be. I don't know if they thought it was going to be Woodstock or something.

— Jason Lynch, singer for the band Forty-Eight Rooms, on Saturday's heavy metal concert in the Park that got moved indoors after neighbors complained to the selectmen. **(Story, Page 14)**

THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN RIGHT IN THE HEART of the election cycle.

— State Rep. Barry Finegold, explaining that his mid-May wedding date would have made it tough to campaign for Congressman at the same time. **(Story, Page 4)**

News Calendar

Thursday, July 26

Andover Housing Authority, special session, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

Monday, July 30

Andover Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 31

Andover Contributory Board, Town Offices, third floor, 8:30 a.m.

Andover Conservation Division, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Community Preservation Act Task Force, Town Offices, first floor, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 2

MVAC Asthma Health Meeting, Town Offices, first floor, 6-8 p.m.

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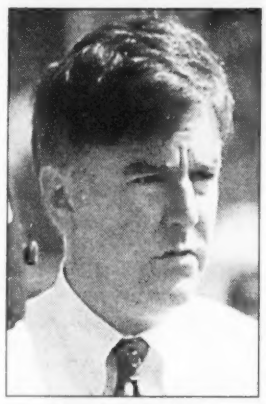
Meehan abandons run for governor, will fight to keep his 5th District intact

By Rebecca Piro

Congressman Marty Meehan declared this week that he will abandon his aspirations to run for governor, and instead defend his 5th District seat.

Likewise, local politicians deferred their hopes of running for Congressman upon the incumbent's announcement.

"I'm putting personal aspirations aside to fight for the causes I hold most dear," said Meehan, D-Lowell, in a prepared statement Monday. "I believe the political reality is that if I don't run for reelection, the 5th District will be chopped into five separate districts. I will not desert the people of my district. I will stay and fight for them."


Marty Meehan

Meehan's announcement came almost two weeks after House Speaker Tom Finneran presented a redistricting plan that would scatter Meehan's communities and leave the congressman high and dry. Finneran had said he designed the plan with Meehan's possible candidacy for governor in mind.

Under the plan, Congressman Edward Markey, D-Malden, would take Andover and North Andover from Meehan and add them to his district. Congressman John Tierney, D-Salem, would gain Lowell, Dracut, Lawrence and Methuen, all of which are currently part of Meehan's district. (*See map, page 8.*)

Meehan wants to continue fighting to restrict soft money contributions with his campaign finance reform bill, sponsored in conjunction with Rep. Chris Shays. He also strongly believes that the 5th District's communities should not be divided.

"Over time, the communities have developed strong working relationships and have forged public-private partnerships that tie them together," he said.

State Rep. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, announced Tuesday that he will abandon his thoughts of running for Meehan's seat.

"I would've loved to have the opportunity to run for Congress, but I'm 30 years old and I love serving in the legislature and I have a great law practice and I'm getting married," Finegold said. His wedding date is mid-May next year. "That would have been right in the heart of the election cycle," he added.

Finegold, who had not officially announced his candidacy for the 5th District, had opened a campaign account in June – a move which many democrats denounced as being in poor taste – as the democratic incumbent had not stated his political plans.

But Finegold had responded that he would not run against the congressman if Meehan decided to run for reelection.

Former state senator and Andover resident John O'Brien had been mulling a run for Congress as well, but could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

State Sen. James Jajuga, D-Methuen, also told the *Eagle-Tribune* he would not challenge Meehan.

The Senate will come out with their version of a congressional redistricting plan by the fall, and a final plan will be forged between the House and Senate. If Finneran's plan were to go through, Meehan would find himself facing off with incumbent John Tierney for the 6th district – the district that would have absorbed part of Meehan's former communities, including his home town of Lowell.

Adam Groff contributed to this article.

Sorting-out period begins for Town Gov't. Review Committee

By Adam Groff

The Town Government Review Committee last Thursday night began sifting through eight months and 14 meetings worth of testimony from town officials and residents in preparation for giving the selectmen a preliminary report in October. But Chairman Mike Morris Sr. said that some of the issues of most interest to residents, such as the efficacy of town meeting, will require a longer, more careful period of study.

"I'm going to guess that we have as many as 60 to 65 issues that we are going to take each other's temperature on," said Morris. "We may recommend that the issue stay exactly the way it is, we may recommend that the issue be further studied, or we may say that the issue should be changed and this is what we think it should be changed to."

The committee has met with about 30 town officials from all departments to get their opinions about how well town government works, and last month the group held a public hearing to solicit

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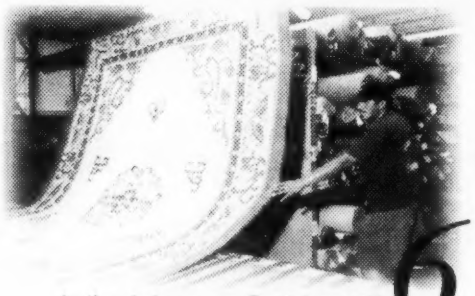

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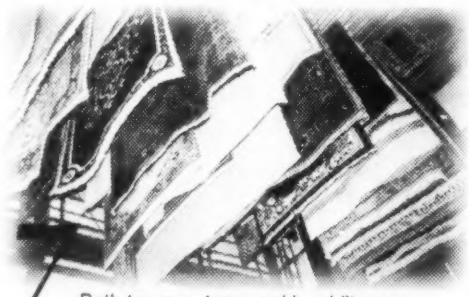

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Officials ponder timing of override, community preservation vote

By Adam Groff

At its meeting last Thursday, the Strategic Planning Task Force entertained the hypothetical scenario of combining a townwide vote next year on a general override of Proposition 2½ with a vote on whether to adopt the Community Preservation Act.

Officials have said that an override of Proposition 2½, which caps at 2.5 percent per year the amount communities can raise the property tax levy, will be needed just to maintain existing levels of staffing and services in town, let alone to pass any new expenditures. A general override must be approved at town meeting as well as in a townwide election, and a special election to decide the issue can be scheduled either before or after the town meeting vote.

"There was a strong sentiment for holding the election after Town Meeting," said Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden of Thursday's discussions, "because then your budget has been adopted, and it's very clear what will be included within 2½ and what will be in (an override). It also leaves more time for education of the public and discussion in the community."

Officials do not expect to have sufficient data to begin shaping a specific override proposal until December.

The Community Preservation Act is a state law that went into effect last year and allows communities that approve it to raise the property tax up to 3 percent higher than the levy limit (effectively overriding Proposition 2½) for the purposes of acquiring open space, developing affordable housing, and encouraging historic preservation efforts.

Earlier this year, North Andover adopted the measure. Andover has formed a Community Preservation Act Task Force to evaluate whether Andover should try to adopt it as well. The 10-member group met last Wednesday for the first time, in what Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski described as a "getting-to-know-you type meeting."

The CPA must also be adopted by a townwide vote, but unlike a general override, the vote is supposed to take place during a regular general election, such as the town holds every March, and after approval at a town meeting. Therefore, the CPA would likely have to be approved at a special town meeting this fall. However, officials plan to ask local legislators whether it would be possible for Andover to get an exception to the rule governing the timing of a CPA vote, so that it could be included in a special election following town meeting, along with a general override vote.

"Before our next meeting, the town manager was going to approach Sue Tucker and Barry Finegold and see if that's possible," said Selectmen Chairwoman Mary French. "This is assuming that the folks working on the CPA think we should go ahead with it, of course."

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Act Task Force is next Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m. in town offices. The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Task Force is at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 6, also in town offices.

Sorting-out period begins

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comments from residents. Many residents brought up town meeting and questioned whether its current form is the most appropriate.

"That recommendation is not going to be ready for the preliminary report," said Morris. "That's going to require more testimony, more evidence and more discussion. The more complex the issue, the more likely it will be continued for further hearings."

One obvious alternative to the current open town meeting would be a representative town meeting, where every neighborhood in town elects a delegate. This is supposed to have the merit of ensuring that all parts of town are equally represented at town meeting, rather than having interest groups turn out in large numbers to support single issues. But Morris said these considerations will not result in any changes soon enough to affect an override vote at next year's town meeting.

"We are going to have an opportunity to examine our town meeting form of government while it's under more than a little bit of pressure," said Morris. "I don't know, but I don't think that Andover will have ever had a more in-depth study of its form of government than what we're doing."

Morris said that the committee will only be advising the selectmen, who will then decide whether to make any changes to the way the town is run. The committee continues its deliberations Aug. 16.

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Opinion

Fighting to preserve the 5th District

WE HOPE YOU'VE HAD A BETTER MONTH than Congressman Marty Meehan had. He was blindsided two weeks ago by House Speaker Tom Finneran's proposal on Beacon Hill to slice and dice our current 5th District and assign its territory to surrounding districts. Finneran would then create a new 5th District in Southeastern Mass., around New Bedford.

Meehan was forced to make a career decision. He could try to keep his options open, and blast off on a bid to become governor while his district is blown to smithereens – much like when Superman was rocketed to Earth just before his home planet exploded.

Or he could stay and fight to preserve the current 5th District, and not see Lawrence, Methuen, and his hometown of Lowell become part of 6th District Congressman John Tierney's turf, while Andover, North Andover, and other towns join Edward Markey's 7th District.

Finneran maintains with a straight face that he created these "more compact" districts because Meehan was running for governor. Meehan countered Monday that he will seek reelection next year, hoping to win his sixth term. Meehan referred to the redistricting process as a nine-inning game, with the home team just now coming to bat in the first inning.

Forced to decide due to Finneran's machinations, he won't play Superman trying to win back the governor's office for the Democrats.

But, rather like the reactivation of the Red Sox' Nomar Garciaparra from the disabled list, Meehan has instead chosen to wear his No. 5 for the district he serves on Capitol Hill.

LETTERS POLICY

THE *Townsman* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsman* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.

HOVERING ANGELS

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A crowd of new mothers and their babies came to an outdoor exercise program in the Park.

Another look at a returning dragon

Last week's column compared Massachusetts House Speaker Thomas Finneran's proposed redistricting plan for this area with an infamous, historical redistricting that also affected Andover.

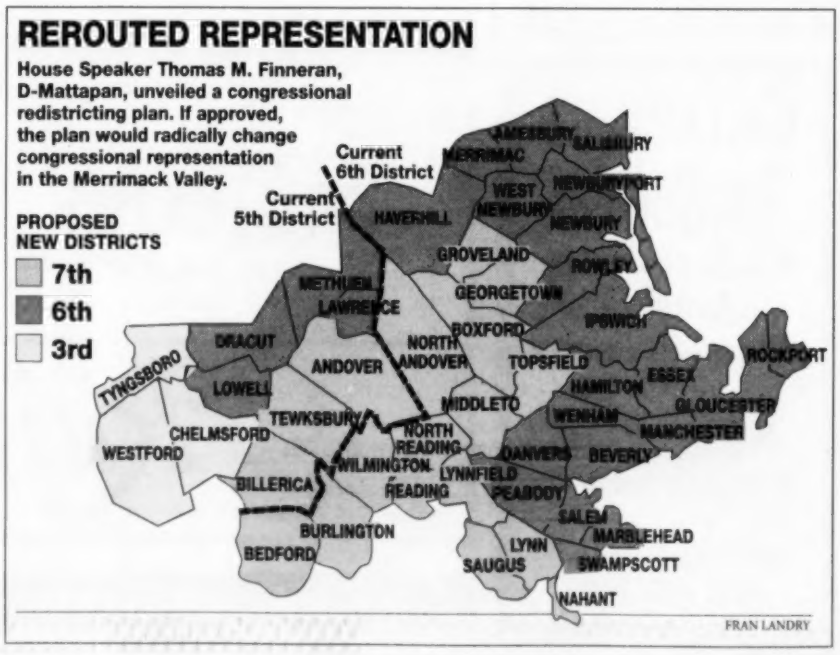
In 1812, Governor Elbridge Gerry created an awkwardly shaped district in an effort to save some power in the state for his political party. The painter Gilbert Stuart drew a political cartoon turning the proposed district into what looked like a salamander. An editor said the beast should be called a Gerrymander, and thus was created the verb gerrymander, associated with politically manipulative redistricting practices.

Finneran's proposed 6th District is nearly the mirror image of the district that forever painted Gerry, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, with a less-than-clean brush.

But, due to a production error last week, it was difficult for many readers to see, on a map, the district lines of the new 6th and 7th Districts proposed by Finneran. Hopefully, this week's map will allow people to see the districts and judge for themselves.

– Editor Neil Fater

The past, reflected: Above, Gilbert Stuart's famous 1812 take on gerrymandering. At right, Finneran's plan for new 6th and 7th Districts.



LETTERS

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A car speeds by the intersection of Haggetts Pond Road and Hitchcock Farm on Tuesday afternoon.

West Andover's mini-Indy 500

Editor, *Townsman:*

I have lived in Andover for 25 years. Recently we moved to West Andover. I love the country feeling... the birds singing every morning and evening, the stone walls, the summer gardens and the friendly neighbors. I don't even mind the longer drive into town or the septic tank in my back yard.

What does concern me though is the speed at which the traffic moves through these windy country roads.

Haggetts Pond, Bailey Road and Pleasant Street form a circle, which is very appealing to bikers, walkers, and runners. It is a heavily populated area with no sidewalks and no posted speed signs. It is also a mini-Indy 500, where cars and commercial vehicles travel at dangerously fast speeds.

On my morning and evening walks with my dog, I have seen SUVs rounding the curves on two wheels, I've seen walkers jump into the poison ivy along the side of the road to avoid an oncoming car coming over the crest of a hill, and I've swapped horror stories with other walkers and runners who have witnessed accidents and near misses.

It takes only one car accident to change the lives of those affected forever. The Haggetts Pond, Bailey Road, Pleasant Street circle is an accident waiting to happen.

Please.... for the sake of our children, our families, and our neighbors I implore all of us to slow down and take care.

Corinne Gediman
8 Hitchcock Farm

Youth Services has earned the right to sponsor outdoor music festivals

"I don't care what people say
Rock and roll is here to stay."

Editor, *Townsman:*

I was dismayed to see the Town cave on the proposed concert in the Park this past Saturday. It seems to me a shame we couldn't give one sunny day over to the youths who organized the bands and the event. I have yet to see a time sponsored by the Andover Youth Services become a problem. It's time we gave them a little credit for some of the events they have pulled off, and allowed them some additional freedom. They have earned it.

Rock and roll is best played loud. I hope next year we can be a little more tolerant and embrace their idea of an outdoor festival.

"The kids are alright."

Gerry Gustus
5 Fern Road

Tucker: House congressional redistricting plan undermines Valley's economic growth

Editor, *Townsman:*

Over the past two weeks, I have listened to the concerns of many local residents regarding the congressional redistricting plan proposed by the House which slashes the Merrimack Valley region into four congressional districts. As the State Senator for the region, I intend to aggressively fight against the House plan.

Along with business, education and other government leaders throughout the Merrimack Valley, I have invested extraordinary energy and resources building a coherent economic development strategy between and among the region's cities and their suburbs to help spur the rebirth of the area.

This strategy for revitalizing the Merrimack Valley has been based on two key elements:

1) Federal, state, and local government partnerships with the private sector, and;

2) Urban/suburban partnerships between the cities and their suburban neighbors. The congressional redistricting plan proposed by the House severely undermines the powerful economic and political alliances of both Greater Lawrence and Greater Lowell by separating the citizens who live and work in the region from their respective hub cities. In my Senate district alone, Andover is split from the City of Lawrence while Tewksbury is split from the City of Lowell.

To continue the major strides we have made in revitalizing this region, I intend to aggressively work with other area leaders to preserve the vital economic and political alliances of both Greater Lawrence and Greater Lowell as the congressional redistricting process moves forward.

State Senator Sue Tucker
Second Essex
Middlesex District

Townsman to blame for concert being moved indoors?

Editor, *Townsman:*

The *Townsman* owes Andover's "the youth of today" and the organizers of Hardcore metalfest, especially 48 Rooms, an apology for disparaging them and undermining the outdoor concert. It owes the town over $600 dollars in needless extra expenses engendered by the move inside.

The story about the Metalfest was a campaign of negativity masquerading on the Entertainment page that manufactured a crisis. The reporter went door to door in the immediate neighborhood to discuss the loudness factor. This rabble-rousing stimulated one neighbor to protest the concert with a few neighbors signatures. The organizers of the concert had appropriate support and experience with a prior concert. Because of the controversy the town supported moving the concert inside. This required the costs of a fire marshal, two custodians and overhead.

The article and the sentiments promoted are textbook examples of active alienation of youth. The *Townsman* would have better served the community by reporting some accurate details of the music and musicians.

Certainly any activity from Clown Town to the sidewalk sales have both benefits and disadvantages for the neighbors. We should accept that the benefits of a successful youth-organized outdoor summer event outweighs the inconvenience of some noise. What message did the *Townsman* send, and why?

Susan Browne, MD
4 Tiffany Lane

Bombs of bigotry will not rebuild bridges

For the past several weeks the *Townsman* has printed short excerpts from the "Building Bridges" initiative of *The Eagle-Tribune*. The series is meant to encourage conversation between groups about difficult issues in an effort to help people understand one another's hopes and fears.

Though it is the *Townsman*'s policy to refuse to publish anonymous letters, it has allowed such letters run in this space. One such letter ran July 12. Here is a response to it:

I read the reprint in the Townsman *on July 12, of* The Eagle-Tribune*'s article "Latinos looking to escape hatred find more of the same here." I could not stop thinking about all of the hatred and bigotry expressed in the letter to the* Tribune *and it saddened me greatly to realize that neither newspaper had the vision or understanding or professionalism to not print that letter of hate. I only feel sorry for the woman with three great kids who are being taught by their mother to hate. I hope that she will learn someday that there is no geographical cure to a person's problems. I do not feel sorry for the newspapers. Shame on you for supporting such bigotry that accuses all members of a religious group of being guilty of the supposed acts of a few. If you want to build bridges print stories of immigrants of all types that have come here to learn and succeed and to take advantage of the opportunities that our great country offers, and not those who want to succeed by moving to a better place.*

Sincerely,
Ashamed to be Hispanic

Those who want to respond to *The Eagle-Tribune*'s series may call: 978-946-2248 (in English) or 978-946-2435 (in Spanish). Or they may send an e-mail to: <buildingbridges@eagletribune.com>.

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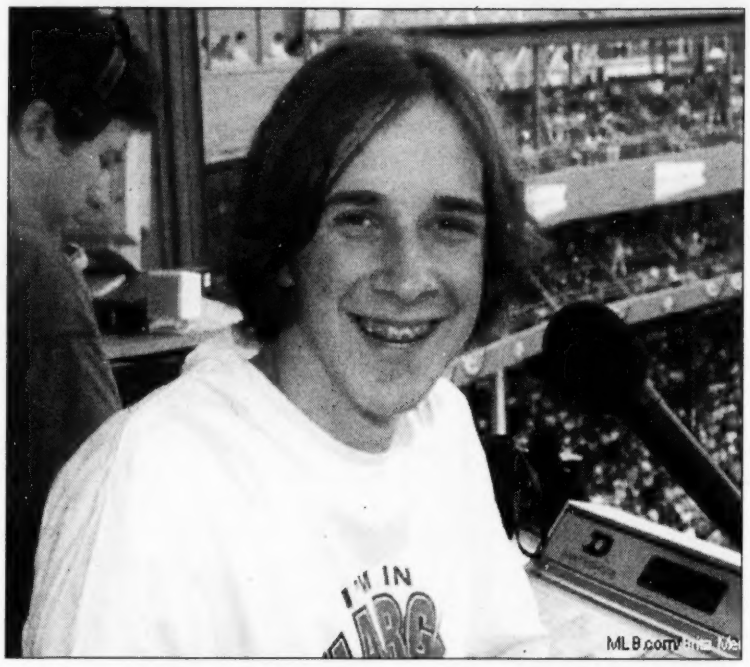

David Tanklefsky in the announcer's booth at Fenway Park.

Fenway Franks, boy bands and Oreos... What more could a kid want at a Red Sox game?

How about to getting to announce his favorite players?

David Tanklefsky, an Andover High sophomore, had that wish granted when he was selected to announce the players batting in the bottom of the first inning at the second-annual Kids Day at Fenway Park.

Tanklefsky said the first thing he heard each time he spoke was his echo.

But ignoring his own voice wasn't the most difficult part of his job – it was ignoring the voices of 33,000 fans as he announced Boston slugger Manny Ramirez.

"You can barely hear yourself because they're screaming so loud!" says Tanklefsky.

Kids Day is a day young fans are recognized for the "limitless joy (they) bring to the game of baseball," Commissioner Allan H. "Bud" Selig said.

During Kids Day at Fenway, the national anthem was sung by local boy band B-Factor, and the first pitch was thrown by pop performers the Backstreet Boys.

Tanklefsky is one of many young fans who had the opportunity to shadow a Red Sox employee that day.

However, he may be the only one looking to occupy TV play-by-play man Jerry Remy's seat. After meeting Remy's TV co-host Sean McDonough, the idea is one he considers pursuing.

"Ideally, it's my dream job," he says. But, knowing it may be awhile before Remy relinquishes his microphone, he adds, "You have to start somewhere, though."

— Kristen Munson

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■ **AFFORDABLE**

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experience she had growing up here.

"I've been here my whole life. Three generations of my family went to Shawsheen School. I want (Johnny) to have the same kinds of things in Andover I had growing up," she says.

That can't happen if the smaller homes with lower price tags are eaten up as land in Andover becomes more valuable.

"(A developer) will pay $350,000 for a small house, knock it down and build a million dollar house," Karen Herman, Preservation Commission chairwoman, told the *Townsman* recently. "It's going to eliminate the affordable housing and move to more expensive housing."

That's exactly the fate of the former home of *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno. Developers will raze the small gray cape on Clark Road to clear a backyard for an Acorn Drive mansion that is part of the multi-million dollar development Fieldstone Meadows. The irony of the story caught Richards-Heim's eye in the July 12 *Townsman*.

"I would love to have a house like that. That would be my dream house!" she exclaims. "We've become such a throw-away society. We just tear down houses and rebuild." She stops, indignant. "I didn't grow up with values like that."

She worries that it's more than just the values in her home town that will change if this erosion of affordable homes continues.

"Andover is becoming a (single) socio-economic group," she adds.

Selectman Brian Major is also concerned about where Andover's population is headed. "It takes away the diversity of the population," he says. "(We are) pricing out our community so that people who are living here currently can't afford the local taxes. And (we are) putting a roadblock on younger people wanting to purchase a house in Andover."

The "downward spiral" won't stop until Andover residents and officials get a firm grip on their spending, he adds. When a community opts to spend lots of money on new building projects and municipal services, property taxes increase to compensate. Town spending is currently at such a high that Major says residents will likely need to pass an override of Proposition 2 1/2 next spring to cover their expenses. If passed, an override will multiply the financial burden on families already struggling to make ends meet.

But realtors say the situation is not leaving young families out in the cold. There are affordable homes out there, if not in Andover.

Realtor Mary O'Donoghue at DeWolfe Companies on Main Street says the families that cannot afford Andover often find a suitable home not far from town.

"I find they buy in one of the surrounding towns, in places like Methuen (and) Haverhill," she says.

This week, Methuen had a home for sale at $132,900 and Haverhill had a home offered at $104,900.

"These are houses that people can afford. They just may not be in the area where they want them," says Keller-Williams' Arlene Jackson. In the end, she says, it's the consumer who determines the market, not the realtor.

"Realtors don't set prices. The buying public will pay what they feel."

While that may be true, Richards-Heim can't shake the feeling that Andover will ultimately lose out as it waves goodbye to the people who made it what it is today.

"We're talking about families here," Richards-Heim says. "They're going to lose... the people that truly care and stay. I think it's a shame."

PHOTO BY TIM JERAN

Three generations of Andoverites – From left are Tara Richards-Heim, her grandmother Mary Harding, and her mother, Maryanne Richards. All three have lived in the family home on Haverhill Street.

Town plots of land a possible solution for affordable housing problem

By Rebecca Piro

There is some hope on the horizon for affordable housing in town.

Some officials want to use town-owned pieces of land to build permanently-affordable houses. Selectman Brian Major and Planning Director Steve Colyer agree that there could be some forgotten town plots suitable for these small homes.

"I have a list of all the tax-title pieces of town land," says Colyer. "I'm going to take a run through that and see if there are any parcels that we could use for building lots."

"(We would) go for permanently affordable homes, and not something that can be turned over and taken out of affordable home status at some point," says Major.

Much of Andover's affordable housing stock does not fit that description; that is, many of the affordable units in town will soon lose that status. After a certain number of years, owners are free to turn the affordable units over to market rate – something that leaves the people who need them out in the cold.

Andover Community Trust is working on a solution of its own. Established with the mission of creating affordable housing in Andover, ACT received a piece of donated land at 110 Haverhill St. in 1999 and recruited students from Greater Lawrence Technical School to build Andover's first permanently affordable house, says Susan Stott, president of ACT's board of directors. Last October the students broke ground, and the house should be finished by Thanksgiving.

More than 100 people with incomes of less than $42,000 filed applications to buy the house, which will likely be sold for around $100,000. ACT will select an owner before fall.

A second affordable house may be in the works as well. An Andover resident recently donated a lot on Heather Drive to ACT, and ACT must now attain a variance to build on the slightly-too-small lot.

Increasing Andover's affordable housing stock will get the town closer to the state's recommended 10 percent – putting more control over affordable housing developments in the town's hands. Currently, if a developer files a comprehensive permit with the Zoning Board of Appeals, the ZBA can do little to regulate the project. If the ZBA rejects the proposal, the developer can appeal the decision to the state Housing Appeals Committee – where officials say the project is likely to pass if the town has less-than-10-percent affordable housing. Four comprehensive permits are currently filed with the ZBA.

When higher property values are not good news

Some local seniors are house-rich, cash-poor

By Rebecca Piro

Increasing property values are not always good news for seniors who call Andover home.

Older residents who have paid off their homes – which in many cases have since doubled and tripled in value – are trying now to figure out how to pay their property taxes.

"They are house-rich, cash-poor," says Rachel Zalvan, a social worker at the Andover Senior Center. Zalvan has received several phone calls from concerned seniors on fixed incomes who can't afford to stay in Andover – the town in which they lived their whole lives.

"Their houses are worth a lot more than they paid for them, but the tax increases make it impossible for them to stay in their own homes," says State Sen. Sue Tucker.

Tucker, who has advocated for a tax break for senior citizens for just that reason, will appear on the local cable channel during August on "There's Something About Andover" to talk about the state's new Circuit Breaker tax credit.

"It's designed to stop the spiraling circuit of ever-increasing property values and the taxes that go with it," says Tucker. "Seniors should not be spending more than 10 percent of their income on home taxes and water and sewer bills."

An estimated 130,000 middle-class seniors throughout Massachusetts will likely qualify for the tax break starting April 2002, she says. Seniors who earn up to $60,000 a year and whose homes are assessed at no more than $400,000 can qualify. Seniors will need to file an income tax report, even if their only income is from a fixed source like Social Security. If the total property taxes and half of the water and sewer charges paid by the homeowner exceed 10 percent of the owner's income, that person is eligible for a dollar-for-dollar refundable tax credit.

"This is a state tax rebate on top of anything (seniors) may be getting locally," says Tucker.

Andover does have tax voucher plans of its own. One of them allows seniors to exchange 100 hours of community service for $500 off their property taxes, says Tax Collector Dave Reilly. Last year about 150 seniors participated in the program, he adds.

"You can defer your taxes on your house," Reilly says. "To my knowledge, not too many people do that. I don't know whether that's because not many people meet the income guidelines, or if for the most part seniors want to pay their taxes."

Seniors who need tax help but might not seek it can get stuck in a sticky situation, says Zeff Marusich, a Council on Aging member.

"For some people, it's really become a situation where it's a matter of where they're going to spend the money they have," he says. "The choice at times is whether they buy food or pay taxes." As a result, many people are forced to sell their homes, he says.

But where to go from there?

"There is very limited apartment space (for seniors)," says Zalvan. "The Andover Housing

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OBITUARIES

Hartley M. Burnham

Worked in space-program development

Hartley M. Burnham, 82, of Andover, died Saturday, July 21 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Winthrop, Mr. Burnham graduated from Tufts University and received a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. An engineer at Westinghouse and General Electric in Lynn, he played a significant role in the development of the afterburner, a major advance in jet fighter engine technology. He retired after 30 years at AVCO in Wilmington, where he worked in space-program development for the Apollo, Gemini, Voyager and Mariner missions.

Hartley Burnham

Mr. Burnham served as a navigator in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He served on the Andover Housing Authority for 10 years, was a member of many professional and engineering societies, and enjoyed skiing.

Members of his family include his wife of 56 years, Nancy Ann (Kelley) Burnham; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Dr. Ann Burnham of Carlisle; daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Jane and Wilet A. Ranney of Boulder, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

Olga D. Capano

Relocated from Florida

Olga D. (Ferrandi) Capano, 81, of Andover, died Saturday, July 21 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Mrs. Capano was born in Everett and grew up in Revere. She moved to Andover a year ago after living in Clearwater, Fla. for 16 years.

Members of her family include her husband, George Capano; sons and daughters-in-law, George Jr. and Madeline Capano of Andover, Frank and Joan Capano of Hingham; daughters, Nancy Walker and her husband Michael of Danville, N.H., Lydia of Medford and Josephine Goldin of Andover; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also the sister of the late Cecella Rossi, Catherine Generizo, Lillian Carbone, and Peter, Philip "Jackie", John, Dewey and Rudolph Ferrandi.

Arrangements were by Bruno Funeral Chapel, 291 Revere St., Revere.

Josephine S. Espinola

Worked as a sales clerk

Josephine Santa (Bonacorsi) Espinola, 91, of Lawrence, died Friday, July 20 at Wingate Nursing Home.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Mrs. Espinola was a sales clerk at Russem's and Smith's Corset Shop, retiring in 1973. She was a member of Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence and the Sons of Italy.

She was the widow of Alexander Espinola, who died in 1998.

Members of her family include her daughter, Kathleen Lindner of Lawrence; brother, Sam of Seabrook, N.H.; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Robert C. Mitchell

Electrician for the Boston & Maine Railroad

Robert C. Mitchell, 94, of Andover's Ballardvale area, died Wednesday, July 18 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Mitchell was a licensed union electrician for the Boston & Maine Railroad for 44 years before he retired.

Born in Providence, R.I., he was raised and educated in Malden and Melrose. He lived in Andover for the last 65 years.

Mr. Mitchell was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 674. He was a member of the Balladvale Tri-Partisan.

He was the widower of Geraldine A. (Clark) Mitchell.

Members of his family include his son, Lawrence L. Mitchell of Andover; brother, H. Edward Mitchell Jr. of White River Junction, Vt.; sisters, Mabel Pike and Natalie Harding, both of Concord, N.H.; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was also the father of the late Robert C. Mitchell Jr., Clark Mitchell, Diane Tyrrell and Linda N. MacLean.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843; or GLFHC, Reach Out and Read, c/o Dr. Stephanie Trior, 150 Park St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Arrangements were by Charles Dewhirst, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

George C. Akerstrom

Memorial service for teacher, coach will be held Saturday, Aug. 4

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 4 at 2:30 p.m. at Phillips Academy's Cochran Chapel for George Charles "Swede" Akerstrom, 88, of Bedford, N.H.

Mr. Akerstrom died Saturday, July 14 in Bedford. He was an associate member of the Phillips Academy class of 1945.

He was also a volunteer coach for Andover lacrosse students.

He was born in Bronx, N.Y., and graduated from Flushing (N.Y.) High School in 1931, where he was an All-New York center for two years, All-Metropolitan center one year and football captain for two years. He was elected president of the general organization of Flushing High School, serving two years.

Mr. Akerstrom graduated from Colgate University in 1935, where he majored in geology, lettered in football and ice hockey, and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He was inducted into the Colgate University Hall of Honor in 1996.

Mr. Akerstrom began a coaching career in 1935 as assistant coach of varsity football at Middlebury College.

He served in the Coast Guard as a lieutenant junior grade in Newport, R.I., from 1942 to 1943.

He joined Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, N.H., in 1943, where he taught earth science, coached football, hockey and lacrosse, and served as athletic director until he retired in 1978. Kimball's Akerstrom Arena was dedicated to him in 1988 and he also received the John Mariucci Award of the American Hockey Coaches Association in 1992.

After retiring, Mr. Akerstrom began selling computer supplies for Northeast Computer of Salem.

Members of his family include his wife of 11 years, Helen Bronk-Akerstrom; daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Richard Graham of Beloit, Wis.; stepdaughter, Barbara and her husband Robert Hiruo of Newtown, Conn.; two stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the hockey programs at Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., or Phillips Academy, Andover.

Urn burial will be Sunday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. in Mill Cemetery, Meriden.

Deaths Elsewhere

BRONHEIM – Marta Bronheim, 77, of Boca Raton, Fla. died of cancer Friday, June 29. Members of her family include her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, Joan, James and Lindsey Pearson, all of Haverhill and formerly of Andover.

FURNARI – Anthony E. Furnari, 42, of Hartland Four Corners, Vt. and a native of North Andover, died of metastatic melanoma Saturday, June 23 at home. Members of his family include his sister, Nina Jones of Andover.

McMANUS – Eileen M. (Driscoll) McManus, 76, of North Andover died Monday, July 23 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Mrs. McManus worked as a teacher's aide from 1979 to 1989 at Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School in Andover. Members of her family include her sister, Barbara Perry of Andover.

METTEY – Bradford Norman Mettey, 81, of Lady Lake, Fla. died Friday, July 20 at home. Members of his family include his daughter, Susan McLellan of Andover.

SMITH – Jennie (Stella) Smith, 84, of Lawrence died Friday, July 20 at Lawrence General Hospital. Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Frank Casale of Andover.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy E. McCabe

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Dorothy E. (Lohnes) McCabe, 84, of Andover, died Wednesday, July 18 at home.

Mrs. McCabe was the former chief clerk of payroll for Bolta-General Tire in Lawrence for 17 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Methuen.

Members of her family include her husband, Edwin C. McCabe of Andover; and several cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice and VNA, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

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Raymond M. Lynch

Lifelong resident

Raymond M. Lynch, 82, of Andover died Tuesday, July 24 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Lynch was a warehouse foreman for Capital Liquor Distributors and also worked at Andover Liquors in Shawsheen Square.

A lifelong Andover resident, he graduated from Punchard High School, where he was captain of the football team and was an all-state player.

During World War II, Mr. Lynch served in the Army in Tunisia, Naples and Rome.

He was a member of St. Augustine Church. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Purple Knights Alumni of Cross and the Andover High School Hall of Fame.

Members of his family include his wife, Anna (Gill) Lynch; sons, Vincent Lynch of Sanford, Maine, David F. and his wife Valerie Lynch of Ogunquit, Maine, and Raymond J. and his wife Kathleen A. Lynch of Haverhill; daughters, Judith A. Lynch of Hampton, N.H., and Cathleen M. and her husband Michael McDonald of Haverhill; brothers, Gerald Lynch of San Antonio, Texas, and Donald Lynch of Holbrook; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Calling hours are scheduled for today, Thursday, July 26 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

The funeral will be tomorrow, Friday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery.

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Metal Fest driven indoors by Park neighbors' complaints

By Adam Groff

The punk and heavy metal concert scheduled for Saturday afternoon in the Park was driven indoors, to Memorial Auditorium, by neighborhood complaints at last Monday's selectmen's meeting.

"I think they had a really distorted outlook on exactly what this was going to be," said Jason Lynch, singer for the band Forty-Eight Rooms, two of whose members are from Andover. "I don't know if they thought it was going to be Woodstock or something. It wouldn't have been any louder than Clown Town or Arts in the Park, and there were fewer people."

Last Thursday, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski met with Lynch's bandmate and concert organizer Brendan Connors and Youth Services Director Bill Fahey. The three agreed to move the show indoors to allay the concerns of residents about noise and general disruption. Fahey expressed exasperation about the change.

"We moved it inside, and for what?" he said. "One of the guys who was at the selectmen's meeting wasn't even home on Saturday."

Lynch, however, called the day a success. He estimated that around 100 youths circulated through the auditorium throughout the afternoon.

PHOTOS BY KRISTEN SMITH

Above, Jason Lynch crowd-surfs last Saturday. At right, fans of the band await the start.

One of the four bands scheduled to play, 9 Pain, bowed out at the last minute and was replaced by Act of Defiance from Marlborough.

"I think the only discouraging factor is that we might have had some kids running by the Park who didn't see anything happening and thought it was canceled," said Lynch. "But overall it was a really good day."

Forty-Eight Rooms is playing again tonight, Thursday, at 8 at club Exit 23 on Winter Street in Haverhill, and on Saturday and Sunday at Sidney's in Lawrence.

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Authority has two buildings for seniors (on Chestnut Court), and there are the Frye Circle buildings for seniors (off Main Street). Other than that, everything is private."

The private properties are often expensive as well, and properties with affordable housing components, like Andover Commons on Railroad Street, have up to a five-year waiting list, she adds.

But realtor Arlene Jackson from Keller-Williams Realty says not all seniors are forced into such dire straits. Many can secure reverse mortgages, where seniors can use the equity they receive from the bank to pay bills. The mortgage is paid back when the home is eventually sold. "Selling is not their only option," Jackson says.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, July 18 – At 3:19 p.m., Russell Walsh, 26, of 166 Arizona St., Fall River, was arrested and charged with a second offense of driving with a revoked license and a first offense of driving an unregistered vehicle.

Thursday, July 19 – At 12:18 p.m., a 14-year-old female from Andover was arrested and charged with larceny from inside a building.

Friday, July 20 – At 1:41 p.m., John Molnar, 41, of Gorham St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, giving a false name to a police officer, permitting impeded operation of a vehicle and unauthorized use of a vehicle. He was also charged on a warrant for illegal possession of heroin and a hypodermic needle; a warrant for larceny of goods worth more than $250; a warrant for receiving stolen property; a warrant for illegal possession of a Class A substance; and a second warrant for receiving stolen property.

Saturday, July 21 – At 11:58 p.m., Angel Quinone, 33, of 5 Rhine St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Tuesdsay, July 24 – At 12:08 p.m., Stephen McLaughlin, 34, of 3 Robin Drive, Hudson, N.H., was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license and giving a false name to a police officer. He was also charged on two warrants for motor vehicle violations and one warrant for larceny of goods worth more than $250.

At 3:48 p.m., Carlos Bell, 24, of 146 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, Calif., was arrested and charged with open and gross lewdness. He was arrested after a woman on Jenkins Road reported on July 22 that he had come to her door as a salesman selling magazines and exposed himself to her.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 18 – At 5:16 p.m., a Pasho Street resident reported that a man had fallen from a ladder and hurt his neck. An ambulance responded to the scene to treat the man.

Thursday, July 19 – At 1:13 p.m., a River Road resident reported that he had noticed a landscaper down the street chasing birds. When the resident asked him to stop, the landscaper threatened to "cut off the heads" of all the resident's family, according to the log.

Friday, July 20 – At 7:22 a.m., a River Road resident reported that she had an "old friend" on her property that she didn't want there, according to the log. An officer told the "friend" to leave the area.

Saturday, July 21 – At 9:30 a.m., a male reported that he had lost his wallet at McDonald's restaurant.

At 11:46 a.m., a Red Spring Road resident reported that someone was dumping trash in her dumpster without permission.

At 11:23 p.m., a Mercury Circle resident reported that she thought she heard gunshots. A responding officer found evidence of fireworks on a road nearby.

Sunday, July 22 – At 9:22 a.m., a Hampton Lane resident reported that she believed someone had obtained her personal information while she was using her computer online the previous night.

At 10:30 a.m., a caller reported a domestic dispute between a mother-in-law and a daughter-in-law. The responding officer reported that peace had been restored when he arrived at the location.

At 5:07 p.m., a Frye Circle resident reported that a neighbor had threatened him.

Monday, July 23 – At 1:50 p.m., a manager at the Grill 93 reported that a customer was bothering the employees and asking for money. An officer issued a no-trespassing order to the customer.

At 4:16 p.m., a caller reported a physical and verbal argument between her boyfriend and his ex-wife.

At 8:53 p.m., a caller reported that a 37-year-old female had taken half a bottle of sleeping pills. The woman was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

At 11:44 p.m., a male reported that he had been assaulted at the Tage Inn. The caller said he did not want to press charges, but just wanted advice from an officer.

BREAKS

Thursday, July 19 – At 11:14 p.m., a Woburn Street resident reported that she had woken up to find a young white male standing by her bed. She said she chased the male through her house and out through the cellar before he got away into the woods. An officer was to take fingerprints of the scene.

Saturday, July 21 – At 7:15 a.m., a caller reported that someone had broken into a construction office on Minuteman Road.

THEFTS

Wednesday, July 18 – At 2:02 p.m., a Penni Lane resident reported that her daughter's friend had stolen her credit card number to set up an account on the Internet.

Thursday, July 19 – At 1:59 p.m., a female from Brickstone Square reported that a laptop computer was stolen from her office.

At 9:45 p.m., a boy reported that his bicycle had been stolen on Railroad Street.

Saturday, July 21 – At 11:55 a.m., a caller from Bay State Eye Associates reported that an employee had left and taken some company property with her. The person called back half an hour later to report a check larceny as well.

At 4:27 p.m., a Bulfinch Drive caller reported that her stereo had been stolen sometime after Thursday.

Monday, July 23 – At 6:16 a.m., an employee from the Tage Inn

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THEFTS

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reported that two delivery men had walked out with her radios after they had dropped off packages.

At 10:30 a.m., a male from Tensolite reported that a computer and digital camera had been stolen during the weekend.

At 7:44 p.m., a security officer at Phillips Academy reported that some money had been stolen from a dorm room.

At 8:20 p.m., a caller from Great Quad Road reported the theft of a laptop computer.

Tuesday, July 24 – At 11:18 a.m., an employee at CVS reported that someone had brought in a fake prescription order for medication. A detective was to file on the incident.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, July 19 – At 12:26 a.m., an officer aided a person whose vehicle had broken down with a flat tire on Lovejoy Road.

Friday, July 20 – At 12:13 p.m., a woman reported that a bird was stuck in her car. The animal control officer removed the bird from the vehicle.

Monday, July 23 – At 2:24 p.m., an officer reported that a truck backing up on Glenwood Road pulled down some live wires. Police notified the electrical and phone companies to make the necessary repairs.

Tuesday, July 24 – At 5:32 p.m., a Belknap Drive resident reported that her license plate had been stolen off of her vehicle.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, July 19 – At 8:12 a.m., a caller reported a motorcycle accident in Elm Square. An ambulance responded to the scene, but the person refused treatment.

Tuesday, July 24 – At 3:20 p.m., a caller reported a motorcycle accident on Union Street. The motorcycle was towed away and an ambulance responded to treat the driver's injuries.

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Education

Fahy-Laundré is named Bancroft's new assistant principal

By Adam Groff

Monday was the first day on the job for Bancroft School's new assistant principal, Joyce Fahy-Laundré. Fahy-Laundré comes to Andover from Wakefield Public Schools, where she was a third-grade teacher, as well as the town's Title I director and social studies curriculum coordinator for kindergarten through fourth grade.

Fahy-Laundré (Fahy, a Gaelic name, is pronounced *FAY*) lives in Melrose and taught in Wakefield for 10 years, but she is no stranger to Andover. When she and her husband were first married, from 1980 to 1983, they lived in an apartment on Salem Street near Phillips Academy.

Joyce Fahy-Laundré

"We grew to love the town," says Fahy-Laundré. At the time, she was involved in her first career, in state social services. She worked for the Department of Public Welfare and then the Department of Social Services, where she finished up in the late 1980s as director of staffing. She switched over to elementary education when she decided to have children.

"I love public service," she says, "and at the time I thought, what career would allow me to be there for my children but let me keep my hands in public service?" She tried substitute teaching for a while, and then jumped in full-time at Wakefield, where she taught grades 2 and 3.

"I think that's just the way we were brought up in my family," she says to explain her public-service orientation. "Everyone in my family was always involved in public service either as volunteer or in their work. It's an effort to give back to others."

Fahy-Laundré grew up in Wellesley and graduated from Trinity College in Washington, D.C., with a degree in political science; she went on to get a master's in public administration at Suffolk University.

Arriving again in Andover, she says she picked up right away on the famous sense of community at Bancroft.

"The parent piece is very strong at Bancroft, that's apparent," she says. "It's a very active school here. Students, parents, faculty, and administration work together as a team; the minute you walk in the door you can feel that."

Fahy-Laundré's goal is to become a principal, and she feels she has chosen the right place to start on that path.

"This is my ideal job," she says. "An assistant principal being mentored by a principal; plus, Andover has an excellent reputation for education."

You say goodbye, and I say hello

The new assistant principal hire at Bancroft makes one down and several more to go for the schools' human resources department this summer. Other job searches are ongoing, to replace, among others, the following:

- West Middle School Principal Vicki Simms, whose last day is this Friday; she is leaving to become the assistant superintendent for Bedford Public Schools. Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath said that the search committee is screening the 18 applications it has received and will begin interviewing soon. "For this time of year it's good, and we're pleased with that," said McGrath of the number of applicants.
- Physical Education Coordinator Dick Bourdelais, who is retiring at the end of August.
- Assistant Pupil Personnel Director John Abramson, who departed after Pupil Personnel Director Cheri Webb. Webb left last month to move to Houston, Texas, and has been replaced by Andover resident Susan O'Brien.

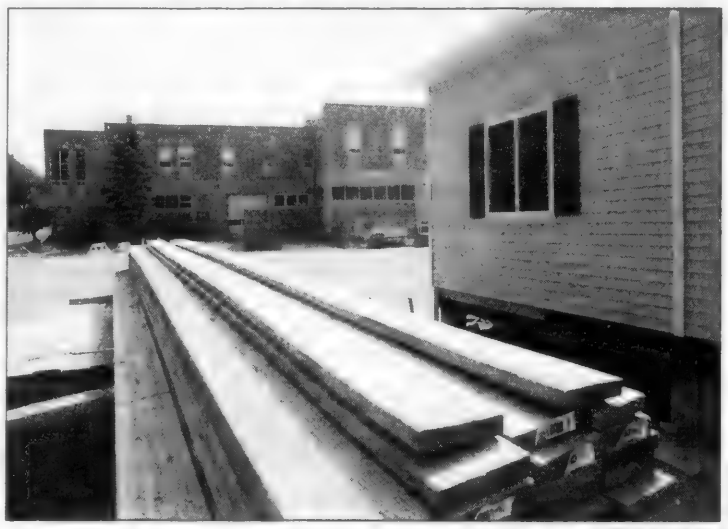
— Adam Groff

Full speed ahead on Tech renovations

By Adam Groff

Six weeks into the $51 million Greater Lawrence Technical School renovation project, Superintendent Frank Vacirca says things are going swimmingly.

"We've set the modular classrooms out back and we're just waiting for the occupancy permits and then we'll start moving furniture and equipment into them," said Vacirca. The 10 structures will house 20 classrooms for the freshman academy. Vacirca said the west wing of the Tech School has been emptied, and the boys' and girls' locker rooms and the weight room have been knocked down.



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Fresh lumber is stacked beside the modular classrooms behind the Tech School.

"More than likely by Labor Day we'll see the superstructure for the ancillary gym," he said.

Vacirca acknowledged the worries and uncertainties of doing renovation work as opposed to new construction. It has only been a few years since the Andover High School renovation project came to a close, way behind schedule and way over budget.

"The town fathers, people like (Town Manager) Buzz (Stapczynski) and (Building Inspector) Kaija (Gilmore) have tried to school us, because they've been down that road," said Vacirca. "To be honest with you, I'll probably have more sleepless nights because it's renovation. I'm prepared for the worst and hoping for the best."

Nonetheless, Vacirca is enthusiastic about the expanded and upgraded programs the school will be able to offer at the end of the four-year project, 86 percent of the cost of which will be reimbursed by the state.

"It's dusty and noisy as expected, but we're making preparations for the opening of school next year," said Vacirca. The summer school program is also going forward, as is the school's year-round Meals on Wheels program.

South's Warwick named asst. principal

By Adam Groff

While Bancroft is picking up an out-of-towner for assistant principal, South School is confirming a lifelong Andoverite for the position. Gwen Warwick, a 27-year veteran of Andover schools, became the interim assistant principal to Eileen Woods last year when Steve Jankauskas left to become the interim (and now permanent) principal at Sanborn. This week, Warwick also became permanent.

Gwen Warwick

"We went through the search process and had outstanding candidates, but Gwen trumped them all," said Woods. Out of 40 applications, said Woods, nine candidates were interviewed and two finalists were selected.

"It's a real thrill," said Warwick, who has now been at South for 12 years. Until last year, she taught fourth and fifth grade. Since 1973, Warwick has taught in every elementary school in town except Sanborn, in grades 2 through 5.

Warwick is herself a product of Andover schools; she grew up on Greenwood Road and graduated from Andover High School in 1967. She left the state long enough to graduate from Keuka College in upstate New York before returning to Andover. She got her first master's degree in education at Fitchburg State College, and her principal's certification at UMass Lowell. Today, she lives with her husband in Harvard.

"I'm really enjoying this position, because Eileen is such a wonderful mentor," said Warwick. "It's a wonderful opportunity for me to learn about the ins and outs of being a principal."

According to Warwick, mentoring is one of the most important components for developing competent, committed educators and a strong school system.

"I've enjoyed that give-and-take, and that's one of the pieces of this position that I most enjoy," said Warwick. "I can utilize my years of experience to help new teachers along."

Calling all babysitters!

Sarah Harmeling has some advice about starting a summer day camp: listen to your mother. Although that phrase is usually something teenagers dread hearing, Harmeling organized a successful day camp after her mother suggested the idea.

The 13-year-old Pike student's camp ran from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday last week. Charging $25 per child for the entire session, Harmeling welcomed 10 neighborhood children, aged 4 to 6.

"The hardest part was thinking of games that would keep (the children's) attention," she said. But she managed by planning craft activities, playing tag, and hooking up the hose for the one activity that can keep any child's interest piqued – running under the sprinkler.

Her final tip: "Be organized. This is not as hard as it seems."

— Kristen Munson

Doherty students named to 4th-term honor roll

The following students have been named to the Doherty Middle School honor roll. They are:

Class of 2005

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Peter Accomando
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Courtney Aleksa
Marc Asch
Caitlin Ashley-Rollman
Benjamin Baldwin
Nina Beinart
Thomas Cahill
Ann Marie Cashman
Christopher Childs
Caroline Claflin
Afton Cuomo
Bradley Day
Whitney Domigan
Sarah Donelan
Alfred Eng
John Formichella
Joseph Geary
Jamie Goddard
Zara Golden
Melissa Goldman
Jeanmarie Gossard
Ryan Greeley
Grace Ha
Margaret Hanlon
Brayden Hass
Briga Heelan
Christopher Herlich
Jonathan Hillman
Matthew Hogan
Adam Holt
Christopher James
Amanda Kaminski
James Keith
Victor Lanio
Brianna Levy
Maya Lucaci-Vashee
Rory Luoma
Aileen Malloy
Jamie Maltz
Mark Margiotta III
Ewan McNeil
Adrianne Mendoza
Elizabeth Minton
Sarah Morgan
David Musto
Katie Nadworny
Tracy O'Malley
Michael O'Reilly
David Ong
Nicole Ortiz
Kayla Parker
Leslie Peck
Meredith Peck
Michelle Pirro
Jacquelyn Powers
James Primes
Matthew Quinlan
Garrett Rayner
Peter Rotundo
Joseph Rusckowski
Gregory Salvesen
Melissa Samler
Rebecca Sanfield
Amanda Saunders
James Scully
Alexander Seletsky
Oleg Seletsky
William Shaheen
Patrick Shannon
Anne Sharp
David Silberstein
Samuel Silverman
Christina Spang
Cara Sullo
Lu Lu Tao
Kristin Villanueva
Sean Wadland
Evelyn Wang
Skylar Washburn
Rachel Weisblatt
Ann Wilkin
Emma Wollman
Michael Zakin

HONORS

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Nathan Altshuler
Kaitlin Atkins
Lisa Bernstein
Grant Brewer
Sean Brogan
Brian Burns
Michael Canepa
Joshua Caplan
Caitlin Carpentier
Bryanna Casey
Ashley Collins
Casey Cosgrove
Lisa D'Ambrosio
Meaghan Downes-Berry
John Downey
Laura Dunn
Melissa Foley
Elizabeth Fortier
Eric Hanson
Diana Harlow
Rishabh Iyer
Meghan Keefe
James Kim
Emily Korba
Andrew Labov
Gregory Lam
Margaret Lamond
Samantha Lederfine-Paskal
Kristen MacInnis
Matthew Malloy
Carter Malpass
Patrick McCarron
Jonathan Meltz
Michael Muccio
Brad Murray
Jill Newman
Reena Patel
David Pilla
Jamie Prudden
Lauren Reed
Conor Rice
Callie Riera
Grant Robinson
Leah Rubin
Rakesh Singh
Gregory Spurr IV
Geoffrey Stevens
Anastasia Sullivan
Colin Sullivan
Chantal Tape
John Thorlin
Kendall Toland
Marc Turiano
Peter Wang
Corinne Welsh
Nathaniel Wiech
Christopher Wojcik
Jonathan Yost

Class of 2006

HIGH HONORS

Gayle Altshuler
Jeffrey Bakkensen
Michael Baldwin
Connor Beatty
Mark Begley
Michael Besser
Michelle Blanter
Amy Boxell
Sara Boxell
Emily Brenner
Alexandra Caffrey
Jocelyn Chang
Debbie Cheng
Patricia Collins
Matthew Colombo
Kristin Costagliola
Alana Cuneo
Seth Davidovits
Michael Devine
Eric Donahue
Tyler Fitzpatrick
Christina Freccero
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Mason Fried
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Jillian Kenney
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Jaclyn Todisco
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Amanda Trerotola
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Leslie Barber
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Jayme Day
Stephanie Feeney
Gregory Finger
Mary Fowler
Xavier Gath
Melissa Gedaly
Anna Gikow
Austin Gilbert
Jennifer Hagopian
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Kristina Henry
Marissa Johnson
Devin Kelly
Meredith Levenson
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Gretchen Magner
Laura Maxey
Shauna McManus
Michael Monaco
Lindsay Moramarco
Matthew Moura
Bryan O'Connor
Yuya Oshima
Brittany Pierce
Jessica Prencipe
Caitlin Rivet
Claire Russell
Daniel Sarno
Jeremy Selwyn
Michael Shea
Jai Sim
Ryan Sirois
Timothy Smith
Kristin Walsh
Jason Westgate
Brent Yoshida
Jessica Yu
Tarek Zatet

Class of 2007

HIGH HONORS

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Kristen Aleksa
Erik Anson
Heather Arvidson
Shulamit Bel
Maxwell Besen
Hayley Besser
Kristina Black
Jacquelyn Booth
Andrea Boshar
Morgan Broccoli
Hilda Buss
Christina Cahill
Matthew Cannon
Kimberly Carey
Amanda Carrington
Jesse Carroll
Joseph Cartolano
Brennan Casey
Connie Cheng
Eric Cox
Adrian Culver
Colleen Cummings
Caroline Cusick
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Laurel Dezieck
Bonnie Domigan
Fiona Dooley
Meryl Draper
Jillian Dunn
Stephanie Eng
Kelsey Eriksen
Kristina Fuerst
Samuel Gould
Briana Gross
Jonah Guerin
Amelia Hacker
John Hamilton
Amy Hannula
Douglas Hawkins
Katherine Hoople
Colin Hopkins
Mark Irvine
Gregory James
Taylor James
Ryan Jennings
Emma Kieckhafer
Kevin Kobler
Jared Kuipers
Anju Kulkarni
Thomas Ladeau
Merav Levkowitz
Colette Lilly
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Alan Lu
Toby Maltz
Jeffrey Martin
Nicole Martin
Erin McAuliffe
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Samantha Monson
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Callen Rockwell
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Dylan Golden
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Michelle Holbrook
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Joel Israel
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James Krendel-Clark
Kara Lanio
Benjamin Lederfine-Paskal
Lina Lucaci-Vashee
Marisol Maeks-Anderson
Kevin McCarron
Julia Mell
Jennifer Meltz
Kimberly Miller
Nicholas Milley
Joseph Mullin
Julia Newman
Kevin O Donnell
Kevin O'Leary
Caroline O'Malley
Samantha Ory
Molly Ozimek-Maier
Lauren Panichelli
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Alanna Perry
Samuel Rauseo
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Stephen Rine
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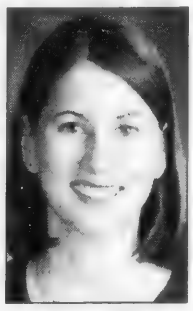
Four Andover students were among the graduates at Providence College in Providence, R.I. They are: **Jennifer Berube**, 5 Lincoln St., bachelor's degree in special education cum laude; **Caitlin Fitzpatrick**, 24 Old County Road, bachelor's degree in psychology cum laude; **Anne Paone** of 11 Sevilla Road, bachelor's degree in history cum laude; and **Amanda Tyler** of 10 Starr Ave. East, bachelor's degree in biology-science.

Jennifer Berube

Caitlin Fitzpatrick

Anne Paone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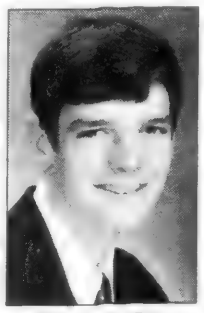
Patrick M. Collins

Patrick M. Collins was awarded the Warren R. and Mildred Austin prize for International Peace and Security on Honors Day at the University of Vermont. He is the son of Patrick and Pamela Collins of Lowell Street.

Jessica Hellman of Andover received a bachelor's degree in political science from Haverford College in Haverford, Pa. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joel Hellman of Andover.

Nicholas C. Rauseo of Andover received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla. He is the son of Victoria Zeimetz and Paul Rauseo of Andover and is a 1997 graduate of St. John's Preparatory School.

Kirsten Rapp of 10 Launching Road was named to the dean's list for the spring term at Columbia University in New York City.

Kevin Ralston of Andover received a writing award from Northern Essex Community College. He was honored at the social sciences and paralegal annual awards ceremony.

Keith E. Patti of Andover was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health. He is a doctoral candidate in the pharmacy program.

Joshua Reef of Andover is among the six recipients of scholarships awarded by the Lawrence Airport Educational Foundation Inc. Winners received $1,000 each and are enrolled in aviation-related majors in college.

Craig Powers of Andover is among the graduates at Cardinal Cushing Center in Hanover.

Christopher N. Madden of Santa Barbara, Calif., a member of the Andover High class of 1985, received a master's degree in business administration from Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. In addition, he holds a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University.

Madden is currently a business manager for Tality LP, an electronics consulting firm serving the data communications and telecommunications markets.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Madden of Porter Road.

Amy Cruz of Andover was among the 31 Northern Essex Community College students inducted into the Beta Omicron chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma, the national business honor society. Meanwhile, **Robyn Beirne** of Andover received a writing award at NECCO. She was among 50 students honored. Also, **Michele Sempere** of Andover was awarded the $500 Dr. John Spurk Memorial

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Amy Cruz

Robyn Beirne

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Scholarship at NECCO. The mother of four plans to attend Wellesley College this fall.

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Kathryn Sand of Andover is among the children of Agilent employees who received $2,000 awards for college. She is the daughter of David and Jean Sand of Andover. In addition, **Susan Casey-Bourland** and **Nancy Greeley**, both of Andover, were among the non-employee volunteers who evaluated 40 students and came up with the 12 winners.

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Meghan Bryanna Doyle, a junior at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., was named to the dean's list for the winter term. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Niall K. Doyle of Andover.

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Andover residents **Stephanie DesRuisseau** and **Thomas DiLiego** were among the presidential scholars recently honored at Merrimack College. The designation is for those with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or higher after completing at least 34 courses. DesRuisseau is a finance major and DiLiego is a health science major.

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The Quota Club International of Andover honored Chanel Kahn (left) of Lawrence with a $1,500 scholarship. She is a deaf studies/sign language interpreter major at Northern Essex Community College. Quota Club members in the photo are Vena Coco, Linda Hertshel and Rhoda Dwight.

Rachel E. Cohen is on the dean's list at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. She is the daughter of Dana and Virginia Cohen of Andover and an Andover High School graduate.

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Hilary Rae Winters earned a bachelor's degree from Bennington College in Bennington, Vt. She is the daughter of Edward and Freya Winters of Andover.

Kristina Araujo, an Andover High sophomore, was among the 1,800 student council leaders and student activity advisers who attended the 65th Annual National Association of Student Councils (NASC) National Conference in Charlotte, N.C. The event included leadership training and focused on turning student leaders into lifelong leaders.

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Andover residents who graduated from Northern Essex Community College include **Minerva Alvarez, Brenda Bernard, Gregory Buia, Jason Croteau, Yvette Frazier, Scott Hill, Jessica Migliori, Eric Milligan, Kristen Pellerin, Christine Powers, Kara Robidoux, Dustine Runge, Nancy Tammik-Smith, Neil Thompson,** and **Khara Tringale**.

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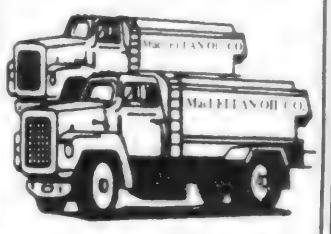

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TOWN TALK

'Sporting Dog' scarfs up 8 awards

Ever wonder what engineers do on their days off? Produce movies. Just ask Stephen Stapinski, Andover's own actor/engineer/-producer. After teaming up with writer/director Peter Kelley, the two produced the short film *Sporting Dog*. The film appeared on the WGBH Channel 2 program Indie Select Sunday, July 22.

Sporting Dog has won eight awards including the Los Angeles International Film Festival. Because of this win, *Sporting Dog* was one of 100 films submitted for review by the Academy Awards. Despite all of this recognition, *Sporting Dog* is Stapinski's first film produced entirely by himself.

But what does this engineer/producer think of his two-fold role? "You can love two things – I love what I'm doing. I love engineering, and I love producing. Both are more alike than you think. Both take a great team effort." But will Hollywood steal the man behind Merrimack Engineering? "That's like saying if you hit a hole in one, then you're going to become a professional golfer."

While Stapinski's future in Hollywood is uncertain, one thing is definite, the tandem of Kelley and Stapinski is doubling up again in the fall. The two are preparing to shoot a full-length action thriller starring Stephen Baldwin (*The Usual Suspects*) and Gary Lewis (*Billy Elliot*) along parts of the North Shore.

— Kristen Munson

Two locals tow boats, live to swim again

In the 1950s, Mike Rynne, then 70, swam across the Merrimack River towing seven 200-pound men in a boat – with his hands and feet bound. Although the officials have done away with hand- and foot-binding, this event still takes place on the 4th of July each year.

Two men from Andover took part in a two-mile swim that runs along with the strongest swimmer boat-towing contest. Joel Meltz, 45, finished fifth and Bill Geary, 43, finished sixth out of 40 participants. They are members of the swim team at the YMCA.

When asked whether he would compete again next year, Meltz replied that it is quite possible since "the group effort and support from family members makes for a fun day."

Geary plans to compete again, perhaps one day even as a boat tower because – believe it or not – he says it "seems easier than the race."

— Devon O'Neal

Phil's Roast Beef is setting up shop

Look for new faces and new fare at 32 Andover St. after Labor Day. The former home of Gina Marie's Ice Cream is being taken over by Phil's Roast Beef, and owner Philip Dres of Medford says he is looking forward to serving the people of Andover.

"This is a beautiful town," says Dres. "The people here talk nicely and they're understanding. I want to serve these people."

Dres has some experience serving town residents. He moved to Massachusetts from Greece 23 years ago and ran Essex Roast Beef in Lynn for several years. He eventually sold that business, and for the past 10 years, he has been working at an establishment in Andover that he would prefer not to name, but he says his face will be familiar to residents. Now, he will bring his wife and two sons into business with him.

Look on the menu for Phil's original roast beef sub, among others, and 14 different salads to choose from. If people want anything different, he says all they'll have to do is ask.

"Whatever they want, that's what I'll make," he says. "I think I have a beautiful place."

— Adam Groff

Home Sweet Home

Resident Ben Wessler, 20, will likely spend the next few weeks of summer vacation doing nothing at his Karlton Circle home.

He was scheduled to return to Andover Tuesday after he fell while scaling cliffs at Grand Teton National Park in Moose, Wyoming last Friday, according to the *Eagle-Tribune*.

Wessler underwent surgery at a hospital in St. John, Wyo., for an ankle injury and was coming home to recover, according to his father, John Wessler.

The *Townsman* could not reach any of the family members this week.

Wessler's fall was stopped by his harness when he fell 10 feet, according to the *Eagle-Tribune*.

His brother, Matt Wessler, 22, lowered him to a ridge before going for help.

— Rebecca Piro

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover resident Sue O'Neill has written a collection of short stories about the war in Vietnam.

Life as a nurse in Vietnam

'Don't mean nothing' chronicles 1969-70

By Adam Groff

Two weeks after Sue O'Neill arrived in Vietnam as a nurse in 1969, a soldier was wheeled into the operating room with a small hole in the middle of his chest. He spoke to her weakly but pleasantly, and so she didn't realize the severity of his condition until a doctor saw him and reacted instantly, yelling for gloves and instruments. Moments later, the youth's chest was wide open, with the doctor holding his heart and squeezing it to try to keep it beating while another doctor tried to stitch the lacerations in it. An assistant stood at each of his limbs, squeezing furiously on blood bags to try to keep the fluid in his veins as it all spilled out his chest. One assistant squeezed a bag so hard that it burst, spraying the whole room and everyone in it with blood. That's when the doctors finally gave up their efforts.

"It was literally a baptism in blood, I suppose," says O'Neill, who today lives on Argyle Street. On Nov. 1, Ballantine Books will publish her collection of short stories about the war, called *Don't Mean Nothing*. The stories take place in the Vietnam that O'Neill experienced, though almost all of them are entirely fictional; the first story, "The Boy from Montana," is one of the few that are not, and it is drawn from this early harrowing episode.

If O'Neill had not been opposed to the war when she got there, she doubtless would have become so. However, she had marched in protest back in her home state of Indiana in 1968 while campaigning for the anti-war presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy. She found her own way into the war through naivete and the wily promises of an Army recruiter: two-thirds of her way through nursing school, she was feeling guilty about having her working-class father pay for her education, and the Army offered to pay for the rest of her schooling and give her the much-touted opportunity to "travel overseas."

"I said, 'What about Vietnam? I don't want to go there,'" says O'Neill. "(The recruiter) said, 'Oh, there's a waiting list a mile long. You couldn't get over there if you wanted to.' When I got to officer basic school at Fort Sam Houston (Texas), on the second day there was a master sergeant up in front of us, and he actually said, 'Some of you may have heard there's a waiting list a mile long for Vietnam. But that's no longer true.'"

So O'Neill found herself in Vietnam from May of 1969 to June of 1970. She was stationed at hospitals in three different places – Phu Bai, Chu Lai and Cu Chi – and her stories are set in each of these places. As the soldiers all around her struggled to take lives, she and her fellow medical personnel struggled around the clock to save them – all of them. There were times when O'Neill treated as many Vietnamese as Americans, and enemy soldiers were scarcely distinguishable from friendly.

"We couldn't tell who was who," she says. "And so many of these people were apolitical. They were just farmers."

O'Neill says that she and the others tolerated the trauma of the experience by virtue of the fact that it required constant action with little time for reflection, and it was punctuated by brief moments of release, whether through crying, drinking or sex.

"About once a week or so I'd go out on the helipad where there was lots of noise and nobody would notice, and just

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FIRST BIRTHDAYS

Kayli Grace Menneto

Kayli Grace Menneto celebrated her first birthday on July 1 with family and special friends. She is the daughter of Jim and Donna Menneto of Chandler Road. Kayli has two sisters and two brothers, Alexis, Nikki, Andi, and Geoff, who all love her very much. Kayli enjoys the beach and making herself heard.

Matthew Baker Rothmann

Matthew Baker Rothmann celebrated his first birthday on July 3. He is the son of Margie and Steven Rothman of Alonesos Way. Grandparents are Joseph and Susan Carroll of West Yarmouth and Harry and Marlene Rothmann of Winchester. Matthew has three siblings, Erich, 6, Sarah, 4, and Emily, 3.

Kalli Ruth Bechtold

Kalli Ruth Bechtold turned 1 year old on July 6. She is the daughter of Maribeth (Trepanier) and Paul Bechtold of Clarksville, Md. Grandparents are Joe and Ruth Trepanier of Bedford, N.H., formerly of Andover, and Barbara Bechtold of Middleburg, N.Y. Kalli is a joyful little girl who loves nothing more than trying to keep up with her brothers, Michael and Christopher.

David Samuel Brandwein

David Samuel Brandwein turned 1 year old on July 7. He is the son of Debra and Steven Brandwein of Farrwood Drive. "Happy 1st birthday, David. We love you – Mommy, Daddy, big brother Adam, Grandma and Grandpa in New York, and Grandmom and Grandpop in New Jersey. David loves to laugh, flirt, play, and eat."

Jeffrey Richard Sambuco

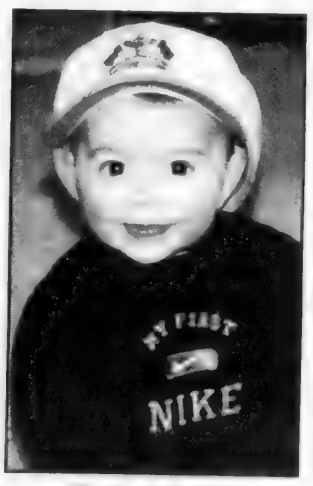
Jeffrey Richard Sambuco turned 1 year old on July 17. He is the son of Richard and Pamela Sambuco of Dufton Road. Grandparents are Richard and Loretta Saulen of Methuen and Frank and Mary Sambuco of North Andover. Jeffrey is a very happy baby. He loves playing with his big sister, Julia, splashing in the pool and playing peek-a-boo. "He is a true joy to be around," his family says.

Rory Grace O'Brien

Rory Grace O'Brien turns 1 year old today, July 26. She is the daughter of James M. and Maura A. O'Brien of High Plain Road. Grandparents are James and Eleanor Foley and JoAnn O'Brien, all of Lowell. Rory has 15 cousins and enjoys reading books. She also likes to play with her dolly, Dot, and dance to music.

Emma Dyer

Emma Dyer turned 1 year old on July 10. She is the daughter of Damon and Pamela Dyer of Whittier Street. Grandparents are Frank Dyer and Cindy Dyer, both of Andover, and John and Gail Rembisz, formerly of Andover. Great-grandparents are Eleanor Turton of Andover and Genevieve Rembisz of Lawrence. Emma enjoyed her first birthday at Big Island Pond with all of her family and friends.



Michael Rudd Hughes

Michael Rudd Hughes turned 1 year old on July 24. He is the son of Bob and Susan Hughes of Harper Circle. Grandparents are Susan Rudd of Arlington and Joseph and Sylvia Hughes of Charlotte, N.C. Great-grandmothers are Evelyn MacIntyre of Medford and Helen Fetcko of Pittsburgh, Pa. Michael is a happy guy who enjoys playing ball, swinging on the swingset, and playing with his brother, Jack, 3.

Allison Joanne Wright

Allison Joanne Wright celebrated her first birthday on July 4. She is the daughter of Pamela and Gerry Wright of Binney Street. Grandparents are Edmund and Helen Wright of Melrose and the late Robert and Joanne Daughdrill of Hadley. Great-grandparents are Julie Nee of Maynard and Julia Adams of Hadley. Allison has a brother, Adam, 3, and a sister, Sarah, 2. She loves to dance, play blocks, laugh, and watch Sesame Street.

Dennis Antonio Tavares

Dennis Antonio Tavares turned 1 year old on July 25. He is the son of Dave and Cris Tavares of Greenwood Road. Grandparents are George and Madeline Capano of Andover and Antonio Tavares and Filomena Leal of Burlington. Great-grandparents are George and Olga Capano of Clearwater, Fla. and Anthony Zizza of Revere. Dennis enjoys playing with his siblings, David, 4, and Lily, 2.

Isabelle Hope Mellor

Isabelle Hope Mellor turns 1 on July 27. She is the daughter of Matt and Deb Mellor of Andover. Grandparents are Ray and Norma Watjus of Maynard and Robert and Marjorie Mellor of Bailey, Colo. Isabelle is a very happy baby who loves playing with her two kitties, Simon and Simba, and climbing the stairs for hours on end.

Duncan John MacRae

Duncan John MacRae turned 1 year old on July 12. He is the son of Shelley and Alan MacRae of Andover. Grandparents are Bob and Shirley MacRae of Florida, Connie Ippolito of Andover, and Gino and Bette Ippolito of Pelham, N.H. Duncan loves to play at his Nana's beach home and to play with his big sister, Ryan, 6, and big brother, Blaise, 3, and his cousins.

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Anielle Rose Iwanicki

◀ **Anielle Rose Iwanicki celebrated her first birthday on July 14. She is the daughter of Keith and Elissa Iwanicki of Carlisle Street. Grandparents are Alfred and Michelle Bongiorno of Lakeville and Walter and Gayle Iwanicki of Bradford. Great-grandparents are Richard and Antoinette Goddard of Yarmouthport, Ana Mae Bongiorno of Hollis, N.Y., and Walter Iwanicki of Amesbury. Anielle loves good food, books, and her dog, Nora.**

Victoria Mae Karlberg

Victoria Mae Karlberg celebrated her first birthday July 10. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Michele Karlberg of Summer Street. Grandparents are Alfred Karlberg of Tewksbury and the late Paula Karlberg, and Vincent and Helen Ippolito of Bedford. Victoria enjoyed playing with balloons and streamers and eating her Teletubby cake at her birthday party. She also enjoyed playing in the sprinkler. She has a big sister, Madeline, 3.

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When a picture is truly worth a thousand words: choosing the right wedding photographer

By Sue Tabb

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Doug Cummings gets to kiss his bride, Deborah Cummings.

Soft light filtered through the lace of a delicate veil, candid moments shared by reunited relations and the mischievous twinkle in the eye of a soulmate – the right wedding photographer can capture them all and knows how to use those images to tell a unique story.

When it's your wedding day, how do you go about choosing someone you trust to chronicle such a momentous event? There are a lot of things to consider, according to Liz Derderian, a wedding planner and co-owner of The Ultimate Affair in Methuen.

"A good photographer takes time with them (the bride and groom) and yet is unobtrusive. You don't want to see this photographer; you just want the end result," says Ms. Derderian. "You want somebody who knows what they're doing and goes after it, without everyone tripping over them."

Ms. Derderian says that it's very important to gauge the personality of the photographer – to make sure that you are compatible with that person and that this is someone you will feel comfortable with on your wedding day. And, while it is important for the photographer to offer you ideas, he or she should understand what it is that you want as the bride and groom.

Ed Eich, a seasoned photographer and owner of Ed Eich PhotoGraphic in Andover, agrees that it's all about finding a professional who can serve unique needs.

"I ask them (potential clients) a series of questions that will give me information not only about the wedding venue, but also questions that will tell me things about them: how they interact with one another, who they are and what they are really looking for," says Mr. Eich.

Mr. Eich suggests that you engage the photographer – look at his or her work to see if you are comfortable with the images, who the photographer is and what they have to offer. It is also important to meet the person who will actually be taking the pictures, so you don't have a stranger showing up at your wedding.

As a wedding consultant, Ms. Derderian has plenty of experience in hiring just the right photographer for her clients. But, if you are doing the planning yourself, she says there are plenty of ways to get the names of good photographers in your area. You can start by asking the contact person at your reception site for his or her rec-

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ON THE COVER: Holly and Frank Muscolino exchange wedding vows.

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Brides saying "I do" to allure of pearls on their wedding day

(NAPSA) – Classic, elegant and refined, pearls continue to be the ever-irresistible accessory of choice for brides to wear on their wedding day.

No longer limited to the traditional necklace or pair of earrings, pearls are now being worn from head to toe, in color and in essence.

Historically, the attraction of pearls is believed to go all the way back to 3500 B.C. While the luster and allure of pearls is timeless, so too are the notable women who have always been attracted to these lovely and ancient jewels.

From Cleopatra, who was said to dissolve a pearl in a glass of wine in order to seduce Marc Anthony, to Jackie O., whose elegant, signature style centered around a grouping of pearls at her neck – the pearl has become the gem of choice for discerning women, such as brides of the 21st century.

Customarily, brides have always regarded pearls as one of the most valuable gems, and they are right. Large, perfectly shaped pearls rank in value with the most precious stones.

Classic French jewelry houses have been creating one-of-a-kind pearl "works of art" for over two centuries. And as all brides-to-be should know, perfectly round pearls, known as spherical, are considered the rarest and most valuable.

As more brides say "I do" to pearls, more gowns are being adorned by this enigmatic and angelic embodiment of feminine allure. From a simply decorated hemline to a fully ornamented bodice, this classic, shimmering jewel is making its way beyond the dress to spectacular accessories: hairpieces and handbags, decorated gloves and glimmering shoes.

While pearls are conventionally valued for their shape and size, it is their color and intriguing nacre that is becoming more prevalent. No longer is pure white the only color of choice, in jewelry or in dress.

Today's precious pearls can be discovered in a vast array of shades, from pale pink and honey-toned gold, to the extremely rare green Tahiti and black Tahiti pearls that are found in French Polynesia.

Today, the pearl's shimmering reflection of light now transcends traditional jewelry, entering into an innovative marriage with technology – as the pearl is ground into microparticles and utilized in cutting-edge cosmetics; the result: light-diffusing lotions that yield "pearlescent" radiance for the face and shimmering body creams that give a complete head-to-toe glow.

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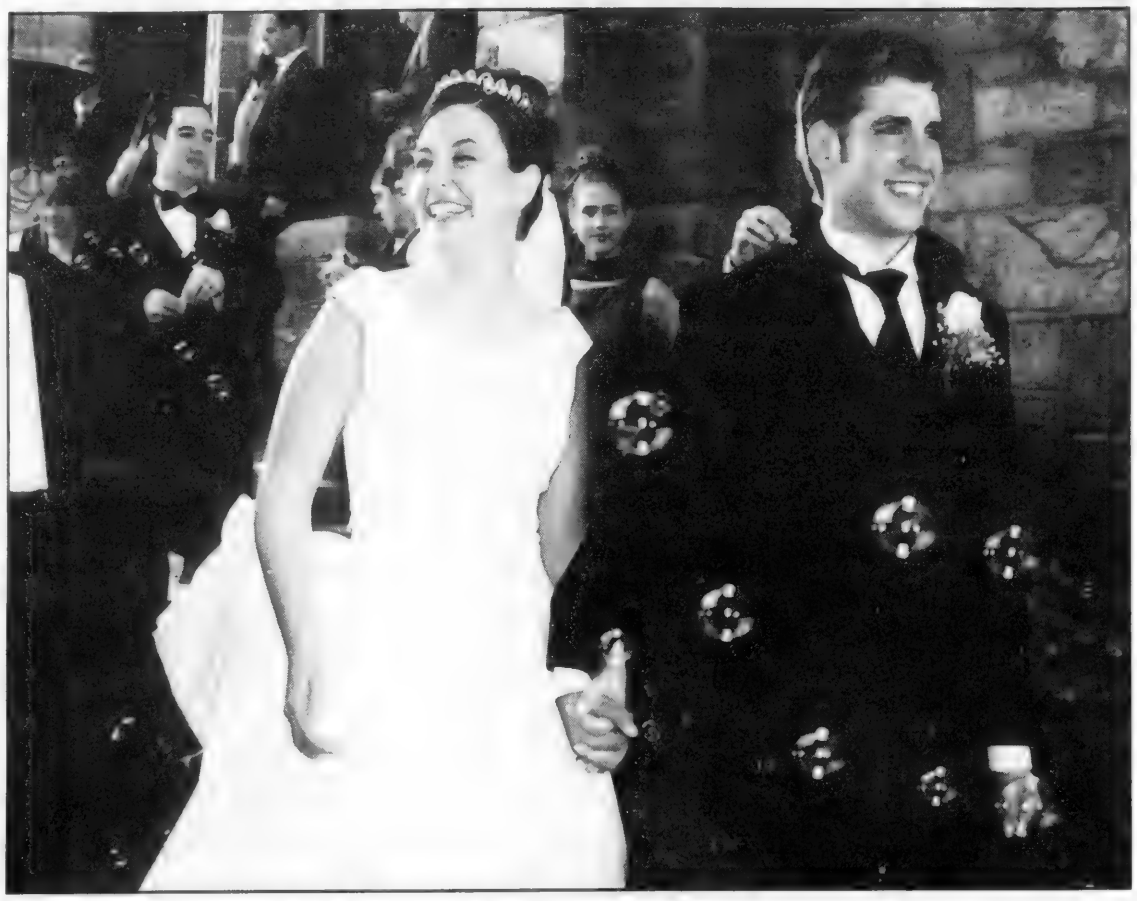

Stephanie and Joe Musgrave exit the church at their October wedding.

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ommendations. They are likely to have witnessed firsthand the way a number of photographers have handled themselves throughout a multitude of weddings. They also receive feedback from their clients and guests, which they may share with you. Another good source is to simply ask around. Talk to some recent brides or friends to find out who they recommend. Word of mouth is often the best advertisement of all. Finally, you can ask your church or clergy member for ideas, as well.

When you are ready to meet with a potential photographer, Ms. Derderian suggests thinking ahead about what you want to ask that person. Here are some sample questions she offers:

Do you have a portfolio I can look at?

Do you have skill in diffused lighting, soft focus, split framing and multiple exposures?

Is your equipment capable of shooting in any light?

Do you do portraits?

Are oil portraits available?

What other photo services are available?

What package plans are available?

Do you do negative retouching?

How much are reprints?

What are the delivery dates for prints?

What is the cost?

Is a deposit required? How much is it? When must it be paid? When is the balance due?

Mr. Eich suggests asking questions that deal more with the photographer's experience, such as:

How long have you been photographing weddings?

How many weddings have you done? How many weddings do you do a year?

Are you the person who will show up at the wedding?

Will you photograph the complete wedding yourself?

But, Mr. Eich warns that while a list of questions is a helpful starting point, use it only as a guideline.

"At some point, in any aspect of hiring people to serve you, you have to make a decision that is based on more than a series of questions – you have to feel good about the person or people," he says.

Mr. Eich believes that being a good photographer is about much more than just taking pictures.

"I create a product that's both based on their (the bride and groom) choices and my ability to tell the story. They've hired me because of my artistry, not

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Holly Muscolino poses on her wedding day.

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When trying to find a wedding photographer, it can be helpful to talk to other brides.

just my ability to take pictures, and I want to reflect that back on my customers," says Mr. Eich.

The hottest trends these days, according to Mr. Eich, are black-and-white photography, hand-made albums, albums in which pictures are inserted into photo corners and photo boxes with mounted prints.

"People are interested in unusual and beautiful presentations," Mr. Eich says. "They want to do different things with their wedding pictures, not put them all in an album."

Ms. Derderian also mentions some additional services you may want to inquire about, including photo invitations or a slide presentation set to your favorite music. She advises couples to be sure and understand exactly what it is they're paying for; get an idea of how many photos will be taken, what size prints are offered, whether travel costs are included, what album styles are available, if special mountings are an additional expense and what extra services may be available – such as thank-you notes or special mini gift albums. She warns couples to beware of those hard-to-believe deals.

Mr. Eich says, when considering cost, also be sure you know what type of services you will receive after the wedding – how proofs will be received, whether you keep them and how long you can expect to wait for the finished product (12 weeks is reasonable), for example. He believes it is important to base your decision on the products and services offered and on the photographer's experience, not on quantities alone.

For every hour that Mr. Eich spends on location, there are at least three and a half hours of time behind it. A wedding, says Mr. Eich, is actually a full 40-hour week, with the actual picture-taking being the easiest part.

Ms. Derderian sums it up this way: "You want them to really capture the moment. You don't want pictures for the sake of pictures."

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Furnishing your first home as a couple ... in style!

(NAPSA) – Newlyweds are getting a head start on their new lives together by furnishing their first homes early. Some 28 percent of married couples say they bought their first piece of furniture together before they even stepped over the threshold, and another 32 percent bought furniture within the first six months of marriage, according to a new survey conducted by the American Furniture Manufacturers Association.

Interior designer Catherine Bailly Dunne, A.S.I.D., author of "Interior Designing for All Five Senses," offers some practical advice for couples to ensure that the process of shopping for furniture together is easy and fun.

Ms. Dunne suggests crafting a master plan based on your dreams and demands.

"Every couple has a list of furnishings they need and a longer list of pieces they want. Start in the room that needs the most furniture or where you spend the most time, and build from there," she advises.

Next, learn what kinds of furniture you both like. She advises looking through decorating books and visiting local retailers to see what's available.

Ms. Dunne also emphasizes the power of accessories. Items such as lamps, picture frames, vases and area rugs are simple ways to add detail and style to a room, notes Ms. Dunne. And, because most honeymooners' homes are filled with wedding gifts, she points out that pieces such as bookshelves, curio cabinets and coffee tables are perfect for displaying new treasures.

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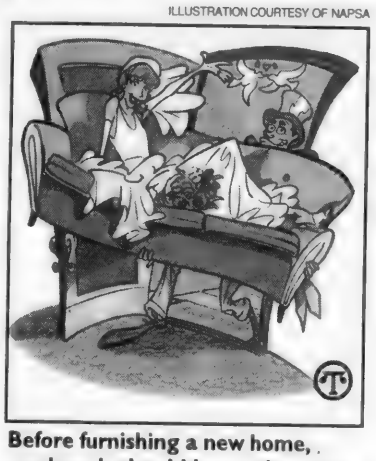

Before furnishing a new home, newlyweds should learn what they both like.

While most newlyweds usually don't furnish their new home all at once, Ms. Dunne says they shouldn't underestimate what they can do.

"I recommend that couples select furniture and accessories they both love, keeping in mind their furnishings will eventually be replaced as their family needs and style preferences change," says Ms. Dunne.

Married couples acknowledge that Ms. Dunne's advice is invaluable when starting out. In fact, 45 percent of couples surveyed say they wish they had a better understanding of their own taste and style before they began furnishing their home. And, 44 percent of couples wanted more information about the varieties of furniture styles available.

Indeed, furniture manufacturers today are creating a wide array of furniture styles that appeal to both bride and groom.

"The industry is responding to the needs of consumers with home furnishings that are both stylish and comfortable," says AFMA Vice President Jackie Hirschhaut.

The AFMA survey found that 67 percent of the newly married make their furniture decisions together. And, says Ms. Dunne, in furniture shopping – like relationships – togetherness is the key to success.

"This is one of the first opportunities newlyweds have to express who they are as a couple," says Ms. Dunne. "They should discuss the styles they prefer and what would be the best additions to their new life together and, above all, they should have fun designing a home that reflects their personality as a couple."

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You've got mail: how two people met on the Internet and lived happily ever after

By Devon O'Neal

To Laura Grant, the term "you've got mail" takes on a whole new meaning; it is with these words that she found her soon-to-be husband.

An avid Internet user from North Andover, Ms. Grant has been online for the past seven and a half years. But, it wasn't until two and a half years ago that she found her true love online. It all started with an "instant message" from Micah Sateriale of Everett, who came across her profile late one night and realized they had a lot in common.

Though Mr. Sateriale was eager to meet Ms. Grant, she was skeptic at first. After realizing that they went to the same college, Salem State University, he claimed to have seen her in the hallway. When he was able to describe what she was wearing, it was revealed that they had a class on the same floor.

"Since he had seen me, I figured we could meet," Ms. Grant says.

The two met on campus in Meier Hall for the first time, and that was the beginning of their road to the altar.

The story took a turn when Ms. Grant decided to place the details of her life with Mr. Sateriale online. After already creating a Web site of her own four years prior, she wanted to put their story online. Ms. Grant set up www.wedding.wavgirl.com and included every detail, from the videotaped marriage proposal to the centerpieces of her Cinderella-themed wedding. Anyone visiting the Web site can download the actual proposal, as well as have access to a song that Mr. Sateriale wrote for his fiancee.

When asked if she finds it disturbing that total strangers can have access to very personal details of her life, Ms. Grant replies, "No, (the site) was created for family members and friends, so that they can remain included in the wedding. My fiance's sister lives in Michigan and it helps to keep her updated on our plans. I've found it to be a great way to alleviate some of the tension and stress, because people don't feel as left out of the wedding planning."

Not only does Ms. Grant's Web site include photos of the wedding party, but she also has everything from the invitations and cake topper to the silverware with which they will cut the cake. Most of the items that are shown were actually found online.

Web sites such as www.MAweddingguide.com list businesses, so that one can find vendors, reception halls, photographers, videographers and even dresses with just one click.

"The Web site (www.MAweddingguide.com) allows you to design dresses, from the type of sleeves, train, etcetera," says Ms. Grant.

Although Ms. Grant found her gown inside of a bridal shop, she says that her selection was made easier because of the preparation she could do beforehand on the computer.

Ms. Grant plans to update her Web site after the ceremony takes place by showing pictures from the wedding and honeymoon. Curious Internet users can look forward to seeing the final product of Ms. Grant and Mr. Sateriale's very special day, as many have shared with them in the steps it takes to plan out a wedding.

Other brides and grooms can create their own Web sites by first heading to a search engine to find a program that will give step-by-step directions.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Micah Sateriale and Laura Grant have a September wedding planned.

"Programs such as Microsoft Frontpage show you how to do it – you just type in the text and where you want it," Ms. Grant says.

Although Ms. Grant came up with the idea of creating the Web site on her own, there are others who also do this. What makes her story unique is the fact that Ms. Grant and Mr. Sateriale also met online. While a bride of years ago had to wait for the typical business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., she can now head to the Internet to have access to thousands of ideas any time of the day. Many Web sites offer photos from actual weddings, so that you can get an idea of whether you think something worked well before deciding to purchase.

"More and more of the planning we do for weddings can be done on the Internet, and people are using it more as a primary means of communication," says Ms. Grant.

As the September wedding approaches, people will be wishing the couple the best, as they sign the guest book featured on the Web site. Hopefully, Ms. Grant and her Prince Charming will be riding off into the sunset.

Here are some helpful wedding Web sites to check out:

www.theknot.com
www.weddingchannel.com
www.bridalplanner.com
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www.bridaltips.com
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Checklists help to keep brides and grooms organized

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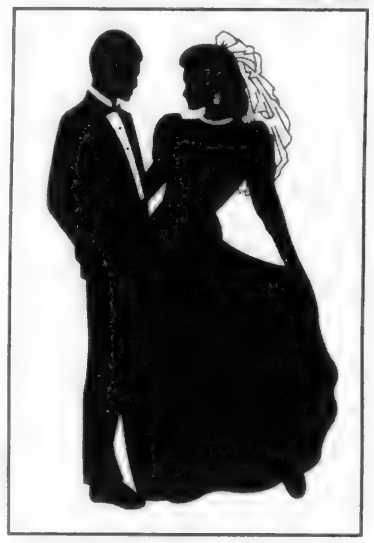

(NU) – When planning a wedding, more and more brides and grooms are creating personal Web sites to update friends and family about the big day, as well as communicate key information with vendors such as the band, the florist and the photographer.

With this in mind, Registrars. com, a registrar of domain names, has compiled this checklist to help busy brides and grooms stay on course.

Six months or more prior

❑ Create a budget.

❑ Set a wedding date.

❑ Select wedding party.

❑ Choose invitations.

❑ Select gowns and tuxedos.

❑ Register a name for your wedding Web site online.

❑ Visit ceremony, rehearsal dinner, reception sites.

❑ Interview caterers, photographers, florists, bands.

❑ Interview motorcoach companies.

Three to six months prior

❑ Contract photographer, caterer, baker, florist, musicians and motorcoach.

❑ Schedule fittings for you and your attendants.

❑ Finalize sites for ceremony, reception, rehearsal dinner.

❑ Select wedding rings.

❑ Finalize honeymoon and music selection.

❑ Begin flower selection.

❑ Check motorcoach company references and safety records, then sign a contract.

Two to three months prior

❑ Finish guest list.

❑ Send out invitations.

❑ Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.

❑ Update your Web site with directions and hotel information for out-of-town guests.

❑ Set wedding day appointment for hair, nails, makeup.

❑ Confirm wedding day itinerary with motorcoach company.

Three to eight weeks prior

❑ Pick a guest book.

❑ Final fittings for you and your attendants.

❑ Finalize church logistics with clergy, wedding guild, musicians and florist.

❑ If changing names, get forms for name change.

❑ Write thank you notes.

❑ Confirm rehearsal events.

❑ Pick up wedding rings.

❑ Get marriage license.

One week prior

❑ Finalize ceremony and reception seating.

❑ Check to be sure that you have the ring pillow, cake knife and toasting glasses.

❑ Pack.

❑ Finalize motorcoach details: Give motorcoach operator directions, get driver's name and assign a friend or relative as the wedding day contact.

The day before the wedding

❑ Pick up rented attire.

❑ Attend the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.

❑ Get a good night's sleep.

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Arts & Entertainment

A little culture and entertainment on Main Street

By Rebecca Piro

Customers at Starbucks are getting more than just their favorite latte these days. Take resident Sam Mesiti for example. He's sitting in back of the room, sipping a steaming drink, strumming his fingers on the granite counter top. Listening to the Leaffer-Nielsen Jazz Duo stir things up with a floating, acoustic melody.

The music is only half of a new artistic series that Starbucks has introduced. Original artwork hangs from the walls of the tiny coffee shop on Main Street, and once or twice a week a local band sets up in front of the glass window overlooking the sidewalk. It's an added incentive for customers and a way to get some recognition for local artists.

"We can get the word out around town about (the artists), and for the customers it makes a nice atmosphere for them to hang out," says Matt Lavigne, a supervisor at Starbucks. A musician himself, Lavigne recognized the need for a little culture and entertainment on Main Street. He and fellow supervisor Gerry Blighe started the artistic series three months ago, and have since brought in student photography to decorate the shop's walls and local musicians to stir up the sound.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Leaffer-Nielsen Jazz Duo, with guitarist Troy Nielsen and horn player Doug Leaffer, entertain the crowd at Starbucks on Main Street.

Customers like Mesiti think it's a great idea.

"I like Andover because it's a quiet town, but I think it needs a little more activity on the weekends," he says.

The idea seems to be catching on. Since Starbucks began bringing in the arts, the employees have had to make room for extra people.

"We had to go to a store and pick up about 15 more chairs," says Lavigne. "And we have a comment book, which has a couple pages already filled."

The opportunity to play before an audience is something the Leaffer-Nielsen Jazz Duo jumped at. "As with any musician, you're always looking for a place to play," says guitarist Troy Nielsen. "If you're great, you (can't just) play in your bedroom."

The arts at Starbucks are convenient for people – right smack in the middle of downtown Andover – and it's free, says Nielsen. The Leaffer-Nielsen Jazz Duo plays an occasional night at Glory, an upscale restaurant on Essex Street, but Nielsen says the coffee shop gig attracts a wider audience. "If you want to go see live music in town you have to go to a restaurant and buy a meal, or you go to a bar or a concert. This is the most low-maintenance casual thing possible," he adds.

Customers can peruse the photography exhibit any hour of the day, and the musical backdrop is scheduled for Thursdays, 8 to 10 p.m., and some Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m.

"You get some people who order their coffee, get caught up in the music, and get into the moment," says Mesiti.

Andover well-represented in New England Classical Singers

By Kristen Munson

Andover boasts one of the largest musical talents outside of Boston.

The New England Classical Singers – an ensemble of more than 40 members hailing from Andover, North Andover, Newburyport, and New Hampshire – practices at South School.

The group will perform its annual summer sing, an interactive exhibition, on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College.

With more than 60 percent of its members from Andover, it's no surprise that many on the board of directors are residents as well.

James Affleck and co-president William Donelan emphasize the group's progression since hiring conductor David Hodgkins two years ago. The group is aiming to become one of the premier ensembles in the Merrimack Valley.

Donelan describes the group's decision to hire Hodgkins as "a commitment to become a quality equal to what you would find in Boston, but located in the suburbs."

Between 60 and 100 individuals usually lend their voices to the evening's festivities, and this year the group will perform Vivaldi's *Gloria*. The audience doesn't "come to listen to the performance, they come to actually sing," Hodgkins explains. "It's a chance to connect with people from other communities."

Though admission is $7, this is not a fund-raising event. Hoping to break even, Donelan says that the group desires more community outreach: "We want to involve the community in concert making."

The ensemble performs three concerts throughout the year, usually with one in collaboration with area high schools. Andover High was one of three schools that performed with the group last year in an exhibition featuring gospel music. The group hopes to expand such performances into high-school showcases.

Affleck has been involved with the New England Classical Singers for 11 years, and until this past June, served on its board of directors. Since the group inserted mandatory auditions for membership the musical quality has continued to improve. Performers are assessed by Hodgkins according to their pitch, voice, and rhythm.

Because the group holds auditions, because out-of-state members commute to Andover every week for practice, and because Hodgkins is the conductor, the New England Classical Singers earned the privilege of performing alongside Boston Brass – a quintet noted for its entertaining concert tactics. According to Affleck, "People join because of David. They are serious about wanting to work with top level musicians."

Before Hodgkins, the group performed standard classical, or Renaissance-style pieces. Now, however, the group embraces "a more modern, more 20th century style."

Award-winning composer Aaron Rosenthal is writing a piece for the group inspired by poet Langston Hughes. Last year the singers performed Rosenthal's piece, *Voices of Terezin*, which won him an award from the Greater Boston Choral Consortium. The work is a collection of poems written by Jewish children while they lived at Terezin, a concentration camp during World War II.

While the group moves forward, the question of a CD lurks in the corner. But as the group is still expanding and organizing, it will be something "two to three years down the road," Hodgkins admits.

Affleck says the group is going "to take the time and do it right."

The group practices Wednesday nights at South School from 7:15 to 9:45, and is currently searching for new members.

Lowell gets folksy with annual festival

The annual Lowell Folk Festival steps off Friday, July 27 with six stages set up around the city.

The three-day festival features music, dance, craft demonstrations, street parades, dance parties and plenty of ethnic foods.

Seamus Connolly

Ralph Stanley

All events are free.

Here are the hours for the festival:

Friday, July 27: 7 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 28: noon-10 p.m.

Sunday, July 29: noon to 7 p.m.

The performers at the 2001 Lowell Festival represent a cross-section of jazz, gospel, cajun, bluegrass, and many other music types. In addition, Irish and Cape Breton music will be featured.

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Here are some of the performers:

- The Aaron Flagg Jazz Quartet
- The Bullock Brothers (African American gospel)
- Irish fiddle masters Seamus Connolly and Tommy Peoples
- Cajun music by Michael and David Doucet
- Bluegrass with Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys
- Cleveland-style Slovenian polka with LynnMarie
- Music of Eastern Europe with Harmonia

The event also features a "family activity area."

For more information, call Lowell National Historical Park at 978-970-5000 or visit <www.lowellfolkfestival.org>.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, July 26

Annual Dallas Night, seating starts at 5:45 p.m., $6, $8.50, Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover; 978-685-3541.

Jewish, Messianic dance troupe performance, 2 p.m., $1, Northern Essex Community College, second floor, student center, Haverhill; 978-556-3862.

R-rated film, *Naked States*, 7 p.m., $5 and The Kerry Talmage Show at 9 p.m., $8, Wingate Street Theatre, Haverhill; Robin Hordon <robinhordon@juno.com>.

Friday, July 27

Punchard High School Class of 1951 three-day reunion kicks off, the Northmeadow Club, Tewksbury; Clifford A. Lawrence, 16 Clark Road; 978-475-5549.

Lowell Folk Festival, 7-10 p.m., on six outdoor stages, downtown Lowell; 978-470-5000.

New Guitar Summit live concert, featuring Jay Geils of the Jay Geils Band, 8 p.m., $21-$25, Stoneham Theatre, Stoneham; 781-279-2000.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Jack Lynch, Jesse Emmett, Harrison Stebbins, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Saturday, July 28

Car wash, benefits "The City of Lawrence Hat and Mitten Project," run by Kristina Giangrande, 8, of Andover, $5, 1-5 p.m., behind Andover Bank, Main Street; Kristina 978-470-3269.

Live jazz, featuring The Four Freshmen, 8 p.m., $21-$25, Stoneham Theatre, Stoneham; 781-279-2000.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Jack Lynch, Jesse Emmett, Harrison Stebbins, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Lowell Folk Festival, *noon-10 p.m., see July 27 entry.*

Sunday, July 29

Rotten sneaker contest, part of Department of Community Services Family Fun Day, 1 p.m., resident sticker or day pass required, live music with the Mike Finegold Quartet at 1:30 p.m., Pomps Pond; Mary Donohue 978-623-8277.

Live bird show, with Julie Collier and Jim Parks of Wingmaster, 2 p.m., bring bug spray and blankets, Sterns Pond, Harold Parker State Forest (pond is located near forest headquarters).

Trolley tour of Lawrence's historic mill district, free, every hour 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-794-1655.

Harley-Davidson 2001 Fat Boy raffle, benefits Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, American Legion Post 4, Rte. 121, Haverhill; 1-800-892-0890.

Lowell Folk Festival, *noon-7 p.m., see July 27 entry.*

Monday, July 30

Central Catholic High School's annual alumni golf tournament, few openings left for morning tee time at 7:30 a.m, dinner at 6 p.m. with silent auction, benefits school's scholarship fund, Indian Ridge Country Club; Chuck Putney 978-682-0260, Ext. 625.

Newburyport Choral Society Yankee Homecoming Summer Sing, $7, 7:30 p.m., Central Congregational Church, Newburyport; 978-462-0650.

Antique show & sale, $3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Belleville Congregational Church, Newburyport; 978-388-1117.

Tuesday, July 31

Wild edible plants discussion, with Russ Cohen, 1-4 p.m, Harold Parker State Forest, meet at headquarters.

Live jazz, The Gilson Schachnik Brazilian Jazz Quartet, $5 cover, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Plaza 97, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Free children's movie, Sabrina, 8:30 p.m., lawn seating, Columbus Park, 109 Washington St., downtown Haverhill; 978-373-6400.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

Live music, Department of Community Services Family Concert Series in the Park, free, 6 p.m., Bartlet and Chestnut streets, featuring the Debbie Weyl Band, bring chairs, blankets; 978-623-

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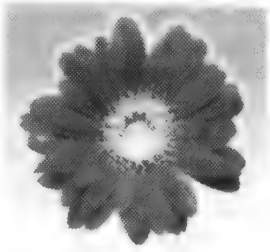

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Thursday, Aug. 2

Live gospel music, New Fellowship Baptist Church Gospel Choir, $7, children under 12 free, 8 p.m., Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; 978-388-1117.

James and the Giant Peach, *see Aug. 1 entry.*

Friday, Aug. 3

The Wiz, Andover's Summer Theatre Ensemble, $10 adults, $8 seniors & students, tickets available at Learning Express, Photo USA, Department of Community Services, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center; Elly Seavey 978-475-3319.

Live music, Colonial Spirit Chorus, women's a capella group, $8, $5 children, students, 7:30 p.m., Main Street Coffeehouse, St. Gregory Armenian Church, 158 Main St., North Andover; Lisa Loosigian 978-681-0922.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Robbie Printz, Mike Cote, Stoney Black, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

James and the Giant Peach, *10 a.m., see Aug. 1 entry.*

Saturday, Aug. 4

Free children's movie, "The Kid," rated PG, part of Northern Essex Community College's Summer Walk-In Movie Series, 45 Franklin St., Lawrence; 978-738-7402.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Robbie Printz, Mike Cote, Stoney Black, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

The Wiz, *see Aug. 3 entry.*

James and the Giant Peach, *10 a.m., see Aug. 1 entry.*

Sunday, Aug. 5

No events scheduled.

Ongoing

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum: house contains period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools; Spirit of Art and History, part of Contemporary Artist Series, featuring Mark Towner's collages through Aug. 24. Blacksmithing tools from the The Frederick P. Taft Collection ongoing; open Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Saturdays until after Labor Day; open by appointment only Aug. 26-Sept. 3, adults, $4 for house tour and/or research library; children, $2; members free; 978-475-2236.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, $5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

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Business

IN BRIEF

Summer guests coming? There's good news about their bill

Due to the ongoing energy crisis in the west, guests staying with many of the larger hotel corporations out there – including Starwood Hotels, Marriott International, and the Holiday Inn – have found energy surcharges ranging from $2.50 to $5 per day attached to their bills.

So far, all Andover hotels have rejected this practice.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the average electrical bill for Massachusetts residents ranked 39th nationwide, making it one of the lowest in the country. This may explain why local hotels have not considered adding energy surcharges to their bills. As one spokeswoman from the Hawthorn Suite in Andover said, "(an energy surcharge) has not even been thought of."

— Kristen Munson

Long-time resident in saddle for Ironstone Farm program

Ted Lowrie has joined the board of directors of Ironstone Farm, 450 Lowell St., a therapeutic riding center in Andover. He is the new managing director and responsible for business operations.

According to Ironstone, he will help guide the organization as it expands funding, programs, and facilities to assure access for individuals regardless of physical or mental abilities.

A 26-year resident of Andover, he spent 18 years at Fidelity and has served on many non-profit boards.

Beck promoted to senior status

Andover resident Richard A. Beck of William A. Berry & Son Inc., a New England construction and management company, has been promoted to senior project manager within the project delivery services division.

Richard Beck

Beck is responsible for the overall management and coordination of a project, including permitting and approvals, selection and coordination of project consultants and project communication.

Beck joined Berry in 1998, and has more than 25 years experience in the business. He has been a client advocate for healthcare and educational institutions, including Brigham and Women's Hospital, College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and UMass Memorial HealthCare.

Brown brings experience to Andover real-estate firm

Keller Williams Realty Inc., of Andover, is pleased to announce that H. Sandy Brown of North Andover has joined the firm as a specialist in commercial, investment, and residential properties.

Brown's list of business credentials includes time as an entrepreneur, author, marketing and sales manager and management consultant with many Fortune 100 companies, according to a company release. Brown was the vice president of marketing at Andover Bank and has owned three companies: Stickney & Poor, a food-processing and manufacturing plant; Work Systems Associates, a management-consulting firm; and The Cale Company, an advertising and marketing firm.

Brown is currently on the board of directors for the

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Training Track strives for success by keeping customers' skills up to date

By Rebecca Piro

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN. That's what Andover resident Andy Kelley wants to remind America's average working citizen – the person who is tired of a job he or she has done for years, or the individual who is ready for a higher-paying job and new challenges. Kelley says his new company, Training Track, knows how to train those people and teach them the secrets to success.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andy Kelley of Andover says he can take a construction worker and teach him to be a network administrator with skills taught by his new company, Training Track.

"We know how to take a construction worker and teach them to be a network administrator," says Kelley, the company founder who works out of the Tewksbury facility. "Or maybe there's someone that's in health care and burnt out (with their job). We can help them become a Web application developer."

Despite last year's shaky economy, IT jobs – information technology jobs – are still in high demand, says Kelley. Those kinds of computer jobs, of which there are many opportunities in the Merrimack Valley, are Training Track's specialty. Modeled after Boston University's Corporate Education Center in Tyngsboro, Training Track provides other job-training facilities, schools and universities with the programming, marketing and course work to keep executives and skilled workers abreast with the latest breaking technology in computers, or train workers from other fields from scratch.

"We are helping people to brush up on their skills, and bring new people in," he says. "Technology changes so rapidly. New stuff comes along, and your skills become very stale. You have to come back for training."

Training Track is funded by Boston University, where Kelley worked in marketing for the school's corporate training program. BU's program took off more than nine years ago, and Microsoft commended the school's program with a World-wide Excellence in Training award. Last year, Kelley decided to take the programs nationwide and recently opened the Tewksbury facility on Route 133.

One year from now, he hopes to have 42 affiliates spread across North America.

Training Track teaches universities and training companies to show customers technology from beginning to end – starting with the history of the computer industry to the latest computer programming.

"Our (customers) are sought out by the industry because they're so well versed in the technology," says Kelley, explaining that Training Track not only provides the teaching methods and materials, but trains its customers how to seek out a job. "Our people get hired. And during these tough (economical) times, our people will get hired before anyone else will."

Training Track's programs have a higher than 90-percent placement rate for its customers, says Kelley. More and more people are choosing to start over in their careers and jump head first into courses for project management, Web design, network administration and programming.

"In order to remain successful in life, you have to keep learning," Kelley says.

DeWolfe pulling up stakes on Main Street

After spending more than 20 years on Main Street, DeWolfe Companies Inc. is on the move.

The real-estate agency has moved to 100 Andover Bypass in North Andover where sellers can spread out, says Administrative Officer Pennie Newton. The decision to relocate has nothing to do with a shaky economy, she adds. On the contrary, the real estate market is still good – and their company is growing.

"In January we got about 14 new agents, so we need the room," she says.

DeWolfe is looking for someone to lease their old address of 76 Main Street.

"If we could have built a new location in the same place, we would have," says Newton. "We love the location, we just need more space."

Customers can reach DeWolfe agents at their new phone number, 978-687-4465.

— Rebecca Piro

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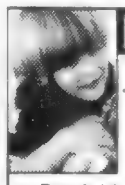
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Professional Profile

From left: Owner Martha Cashins and Staff Coordinator Debbie Cutler

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Home Instead Senior Care is a national company with over 300 franchises dedicated to providing affordable non-medical companions and home care services to seniors, enabling them to remain independent in the comfort of their own homes. Andover is fortunate to have a local office, which opened last year. Owner Martha Cashins and her highly qualified staff have already made a huge difference in the lives of many Essex County residents, assisting in a broad array of day-to-day activities for as little as three hours a day to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Martha describes **Home Instead** as a wonderful program that provides excellent support for its franchise owners, with comprehensive initial training programs and ongoing training and supportive networking among the franchises. Martha in turn makes every effort to be supportive of her caregivers, describing them as the company's greatest asset. Each caregiver is insured and bonded after a rigorous selection process that includes interviews, two criminal background checks, and review of six references. Caregivers are trained in professional, ongoing programs, one of which is non-medical Alzheimer's training. Every effort is made to insure a compatible match between caregiver and client.

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BUSINESS IN BRIEF

■ PROMOTIONS

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Massachusetts Special Olympics, and has also served as vice chair of the board of directors for the Smaller Business Association of New England, an organization of more than 1,200 businesses.

Cash for college, from home sellers

The Northeast Association of Realtors Endowed Scholarship Fund was established with a $10,500 check last month for the benefit of freshmen entering University of Massachusetts in Lowell.

According to the scholarship criteria, the recipient must have a minimum 'B' average, demonstrate financial need and come from one of the 17 towns, such as Andover, in which the Northeast Association of Realtors conducts its business.

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New marketing VP at Andover Controls

Rainer Wischinski

Andover Controls Corp., a high-tech manufacturer of intelligent building systems for HVAC, security management, and process-control application has named Rainer H. Wischinski as its new vice president of marketing. Wischinski, of Uxbridge, will be responsible for developing and implementing Andover Controls' global marketing strategy.

Real-estate company gets Trend-y note

Re/Max Preferred, with offices in Andover and Methuen, has been recognized in the national publication *Real Trends* as one of the top residential real-estate offices in the nation.

Re/Max Preferred placed 449 out of 500 offices nationwide, when ranked by closed transaction sides, which is either the listing or selling side of a completed real-estate transaction. It also placed 315 nationally out of 549 offices, as ranked by sales volumes.

Economic strategy

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission has released its Economic Development Strategy Report for the Merrimack Valley. It details an economic plan and 10-year forcast for the region.

COOPERATIVE MAN

Ralph W. Dunham has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Medford Co-operative Bank. Dunham has worked in the banking industry for more than 18 years. He joined Medford Co-op in 1988. He lives in Andover with his children, Jessica and Jonathan.

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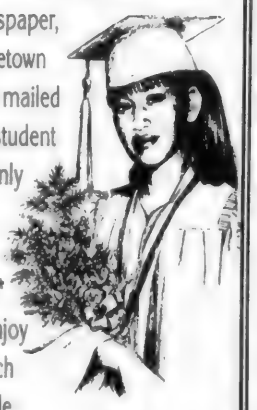

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Sports

Americans, Nationals trying to hang on

District 14 Little League Tournament action

By Rick Harrison

The Andover American and Andover National Major 9-10 Division All-Stars were both fighting for survival last night, after *Townsman* presstime, when they played loser's bracket semifinal games in the double-elimination District 14 Little League Tournament.

Both won early-round games to reach Monday night's winner's bracket semifinals, where they dropped close decisions to Tewksbury teams in simultaneous games at Deyermond Field 1 and 2.

The Americans launched their tourney run with a 9-2 romp over Billerica American at Deyermond Field, and followed up with an 11-1 cruise past host Haverhill American in a game stopped after four innings by the 10-run mercy rule.

Tewksbury National then rallied for three runs in the bottom of the sixth to erase a 3-1 deficit and nip the Americans, 4-3.

Andover National drew a first-round bye before blanking host Lowell Highland, 2-0, in a winner's bracket quarterfinal at Loucraft Field in Lowell.

A-N carried a 6-3 lead into the fifth inning against Tewksbury American, but the visitors erupted for five runs to pull out a come-from-behind 8-6 win.

Both locals were back at home last night for games on adjacent fields, Andover National hosting North Andover National and Andover American hosting Methuen East as only six teams were still alive in the tourney.

If both Andover teams won, they will square off in an all-local loser's bracket semifinal tomorrow night at Deyermond.

ANDOVER AMERICAN

Overpowering righthander Sam Clark fired a complete-game one-hitter, struck out 14 and walked one as the locals rolled to the 9-2 win over Billerica.

Andover broke a scoreless tie with two runs in the third, then added five more in the fourth and two in the sixth.

Billerica American had its lone hit and scored both its runs in the fifth.

Leading the Andover offense were Brian Russell, with 2-for-2 and two runs scored, and Connor Arnold who laced a two-run double.

In the 11-1 triumph over Haverhill, Andover snapped a 1-1 tie with back-to-back five-run innings in the second and third.

Righthander John Farrell pitched a two-hitter, fanned six and 36 of his 56 pitches were strikes.

Arnold went 3-for-3 and drove in seven runs with a grand slam, two-run single and one-run single.

Farrell aided his cause with a two-run double and catcher Riki Retelle was a defensive standout.

Andover American also participated in three other tournaments this summer.

They finished 4-1-1 in the Salem, N.H. Invitational and 2-2 in the Chelmsford Invitational.

They are still alive in the Haverhill Riverside/Bradford Tournament with a perfect 5-0 record entering the playoff round.

The complete team roster includes Connor Arnold, Christian Benedix, R.J. Braune, Sam Clark, Marc Crowley, Reed Doherty, John Farrell, Dan Gusovsky, Andrew Hirsh, Jeff Kublin, Brendan Mahoney, Riki Retelle, Andrew Ruiz, Brian Russell and Matt Twomey.

Lauro Ruiz is the manager and Rick Crowley the coach.

ANDOVER NATIONAL

Lefthander Sean Ehlbeck fired a four-hit shutout, fanned 11 and walked two as the Nationals whitewashed Lowell Highland, 2-0.

Andover scored single runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

In the fourth George Flanagan walked, Ehlbeck singled, Brendan McCarron sacrificed the runners along and Flanagan raced home on a wild pitch.

Flanagan also scored the insurance run when he doubled to left-center, took third on Ehlbeck's bunt and crossed on a passed ball in the final inning.

Andover managed only four hits with John Haak and Mike Yastrzemski (Carl's grandson) adding a single each.

Playing well defensively were Flanagan at shortstop and Eddie Dix at catcher, the pair combining to nail a Lowell runner at the plate in the first.

Yastrzemski had a huge night in the 8-6 loss against Tewksbury American, going 4-for-4 with a triple, two doubles and a single. He also scored two runs and drove home two.

Mike Todisco contributed two singles, an RBI and run scored. Haak laced an RBI double, Ehlbeck a run-scoring single and Nolan Gerding singled and scored a run.

Flanagan pitched well but was victimized by five errors.

A-N led 1-0 in the second inning, 3-2 in the third and 6-3 after scoring three runs in the fourth.

The Nationals recently finished the Chelmsford Invitational Tournament with a 3-1 record, and they are also 3-1 in the Haverhill Riverside/Bradford Tournament.

The complete team roster includes Josh Devine, Eddie Dix, Sean Ehlbeck, George Flanagan, Nolan Gerding, Walter Gillis, John Haak, Brendan McCarron, Armando McLaughlin, Nick Sylvester, Mike Todisco, Matt Vetere, Andrew Walker and Mike Yastrzemski.

Guy Ehlbeck is the manager.

CUBS WIN!

The National League champion Cubs beat the American League champion Tigers, two games to one, in their Andover Little League Major 10-12 Division best-of-three Town Championship series played at Deyermond Field earlier this summer. The Cubs, who finished the season 16-3 overall, lost the first game 5-2 before battling back to win the last two games 12-4 and 4-1. Front row (from left): Joshua Devine, Ed Dix, Nick Sievers, Danny Papa. Middle row: Kurt Berthiaume, Kenny Masse, Mike Pierce, Joshua Garone, John Flanagan. Back row: Manager Bob Godefroi, Danny Godefroi, Justin Colombo, Tim Doss, coach Larry Masse, coach Dan Berthiaume.

Post 8 finishes its marathon, qualifying again for playoffs

By Rick Harrison

The Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball team, faced with a brutal eight-games-in-eight-days final week of the regular season, came through with seven wins to once again qualify for the best-of-3 sectional playoffs, which opened last night.

The impressive closing run clinched the locals' sixth District 8 first-place finish in the last nine years, boosting their record to 16-3 overall and 16-2 in district play.

Top seed Andover squared off against Cambridge in the first game of an opening round sectional series last night at Buckingham, Browne and Nichols field.

Cambridge completed its regular season with a 14-5 record as the fourth seed in Zone 5.

The same two teams battle tonight at Peter Aumais Park (5 p.m.).

If a third game is necessary it will be tomorrow evening (5 p.m.), with the site determined by a coin flip prior to game one (after *Townsman* presstime).

"We enter the post-season playing as well as we have all summer," said Post 8 manager Joe Iarrobino. "We hit the ball very hard in our final two games (33 hits) and the pitching has been outstanding all season."

Andover outscored the opposition by a monstrous 152-45 margin in 19 regular season games.

Andover started its rugged homestretch, created by numerous postponements due to rain and lightning, with a wild 9-8 win over East Boston Post 30 at Aumais Park.

The locals then dropped a 4-3 decision to host Gloucester Post 3 at O'Malley Field, before putting together a six-game win streak.

Post 8 rode a brilliant three-hit shutout by Jon Shaw to a 2-0 victory over Methuen Post 122 at the Methuen High field.

The playoff berth was officially clinched when Jason White and Kevin Shepard authored two more mound gems, lifting the locals to a 7-1 darkness-shortened win over Lynn Post 345 at Fraser Field and a 2-1 triumph over Lawrence Post 15 at Aumais Park.

Post 8 then battled back from an early 4-0 deficit to defeat district runner-up and playoff qualifier Lynn Gautreau, 13-4, at Aumais Park.

The regular season finale was a 12-1 romp over Newburyport as Mark Matos, Chris Krey and Jeff Volinski split the pitching and combined for a three-hitter.

There was also a forfeit win over Danvers which was unable to field a team.

The first two rounds of playoffs consist of four best-of-3 series involving the eight Zone 5 and Zone 8 teams with the most points during the regular season (two for a win, one for a tie).

Joining Andover from District 8 are No. 2 seed Lynn Gautreau (14-4), No. 3 Swampscott (14-4) and No. 4 East Boston (12-5-1).

Other Zone 5 teams are top seed Chelmsford Vinal Post 313 at 20-2-1, No. 2 Lowell Post 87 at 30-5 and No. 3 Newton Post 440.

The other first-round series are Lowell versus Swampscott, Chelmsford versus East Boston and Lynn Gautreau versus Newton.

The Andover/Cambridge winner faces the Lowell/Swampscott survivor in the second round beginning either Saturday or Sunday.

Second-round winners move to the eight-team State Legion Tournament slated early next month at Tivnan Field in Worcester (West Boylston is the host team).

Post 8 pitching

"Our pitching was severely tested last week," said Iarrobino. "It was a tremendous strain on our staff, but we made the playoffs because the pitching came through."

Kevin Shepard entered the playoffs with a 4-0 record, two saves and a 0.75 ERA.

Andy Salini was also 4-0 with a 1.73 ERA, Mark Matos 3-1 and Jeff Volinski 2-1 with one save and a 1.03 ERA.

Shepard has thrown 28 innings and allowed only seven hits and three earned runs while striking out 42 and walking 15.

In 20⅓ innings, Volinski has yielded 13 hits and three earned runs while fanning 17 and walking only four.

Salini has pitched 24⅔ innings, allowing 17 hits and six earned runs while walking 12 and whiffing 27.

Salini hot

Andy Salini capped the regular season by crushing three monstrous home runs in the final three games to boost his season total to five roundtrippers. He also collected 10 RBI in the last three games.

Shepard out

Post 8 was forced to play two important back-to-back regular season games against East Boston and Gloucester

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Season-ending 8 games a week

■ POST 8 MAKES PLAYOFFS

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without Kevin Shepard who was attending college orientation classes at Boston College.

Andover 12
Newburyport 1

With the district title clinched and a playoff berth assured, Post 8 didn't let up in the regular season finale.

The locals scored five runs in the top of the first, four in the second and singletons in the third, fourth and fifth innings on the way to routing Post 150 at the Newburyport High field.

Winning pitcher Mark Matos (3-1) worked three hitless and scoreless innings, fanning four and walking two.

Chris Krey followed with three frames of two-hit relief, and Jeff Volinski mopped up by tossing a shutout seventh.

Post 8 wasted no time as leadoff batter Danny Hughes walked, Kevin Shepard singled to left and Josh Topp laced an RBI single to right field in the top of the first.

Andy Salini then hammered his third homer in three games, the ball clearing the fence in right-center and boosting the lead to 4-0.

Before the inning ended Volinski singled, moved to third on Chris Hanlon's single and scored on a sac-fly by Jeff Marshall.

With one out in the second Hughes started another rally with a double to right-center. Shepard followed with an RBI double to the same spot, Topp smacked an RBI single to left, and Salini barely missed another homer with a run-scoring double off the base of the fence in straightaway center.

Volinski made it five straight hits with the fourth double of the inning, chasing home Salini for a 9-0 cushion.

Hughes joined the long-ball club with a two-out shot to right field in the fifth, his first fourbagger of the season enabling Andover to score double figures for the fifth time this summer.

In the fourth Volinski smacked a one-out double, advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on Chris Hanlon's infield out.

After Newburyport spoiled the shutout bid with its only run in the bottom of the fourth, Post 8 countered for the final time in the fifth.

Sean Smith reached on a walk, Matos ripped a double to left, Pat Linnemann walked and Jason White slapped an RBI single to right field.

Volinski led a season-high 19-hit attack with 4-for-5, including three doubles, while Hughes was 3-for-3 with three runs scored and Shepard 3-for-3 with two doubles and two runs scored.

Topp and Salini contributed two hits each and both scored twice.

The locals had a season-best 10 extra base hits with eight doubles and two homers.

Andover 13
Lynn Gautreau 4

After falling behind 4-0 in the top of the third, Post 8 rallied for three runs in the third, three in the fourth and six in the fifth to break open its crucial first-place showdown with the Gautreau Raiders at Aumais Park.

Lefty Andy Salini (4-0) settled down after a shaky start, pitching five innings of six-hit ball for the win.

Wil Walter, who returned after missing a number of games with an ankle injury, and Jeff Volinski mopped up with an inning each of hitless shutout relief.

The Andover comeback started in the third when Kevin Shepard, Josh Topp, Andy Salini (RBI) and Volinski (RBI) all singled. Chris Hanlon's sac-fly plated Salini to trim the deficit to 4-3.

In the fourth Danny Hughes doubled to right, Shepard bunted him to third and Salini put the locals ahead to stay with a long two-run homer to right-center.

Volinski then singled to center, Hanlon was hit by a pitch and Jeff Marshall lined a run-scoring single to left-center for a 6-4 lead.

The six-run fifth opened with walks to Mark Matos, Hughes, Shepard and Salini (RBI). Volinski reached on a one-out error to plate Hughes and Hanlon drilled a two-run single to center.

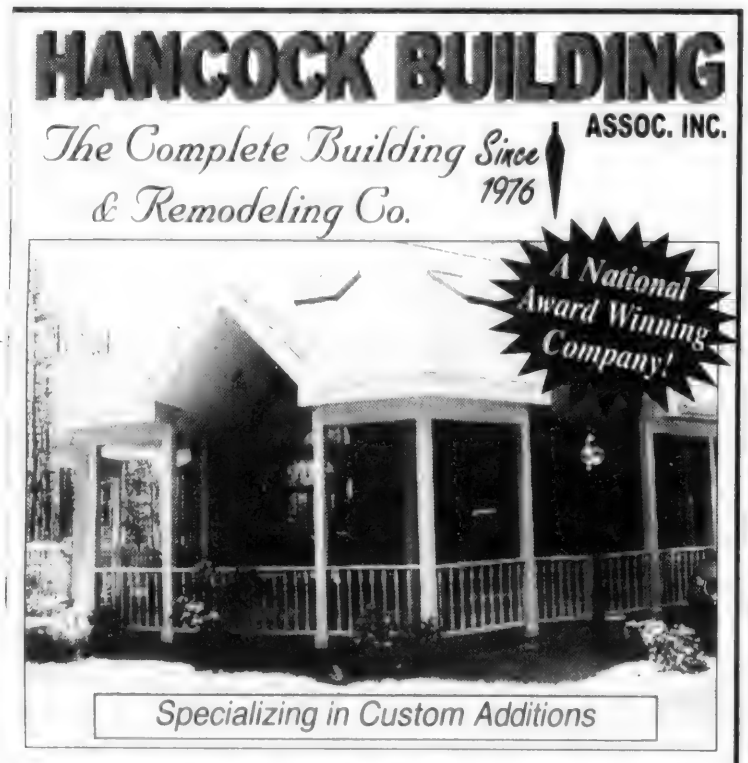
Marshall followed with an RBI double to center. Sean Smith capped the uprising with a run-producing single to right-center.

In the sixth, Salini walked and circled the bases on a double to left-center by Volinski.

The winners' 14-hit barrage featured a 3-for-5 effort by the sizzling Volinski and two hits apiece from Hughes, Topp, Salini and Marshall.

Salini scored four runs while Hughes, Shepard and Volinski all scored twice.

Defensive standouts for Post 8 were infielders Smith (second base), Hanlon (shortstop) and Matos (third base).



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'Don't mean nothing'

■ SUE O'NEILL

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cry my eyes out," she says. "A lot of us drank a lot when we were there. I did for a while, until I could see there was no percentage in it."

"Don't mean nothing" is a reference to one of the stock phrases people used throughout the war to indicate a jaded indifference or cynicism, what O'Neill calls in her introduction "a sarcastic admixture of 'cool,' comedy, irony, agony, bitterness, frustration, resignation, and despair." So what did the war mean?

"Ultimately, in the great scheme of things, probably nothing," says O'Neill, confirming the original sentiment. "For many people it was the end of who they were and the beginning of someone they never thought they would be. For some, of course, it was the end of their life. For me, it aged me and it made my sense of humor really dark. It meant taking a very wary look at what countries do – it was definitely the end of my patriotism. As much as I really do like the country – I mean, I live here – I have to take issue with a 'my-country-right-or-wrong' view of it."

One positive thing to come out of Vietnam for O'Neill was meeting her husband, Paul O'Neill, who was the registrar at one of the hospitals where she worked in Vietnam. Originally from Northampton, her husband today runs Yankee Alliance Healthcare. The O'Neills settled in Andover in 1984, after Sue completed a degree in journalism at the University of Maine, and their three children have graduated from high school here. O'Neill worked as a reporter for the *Townsman* for a couple of years after moving here, and has written and published in a variety of capacities over the years, although *Don't Mean Nothing* is her first full-length book. She is not aware of any other published Vietnam fiction by a woman who was there, and she says the passage of time has allowed her to write it.

"I couldn't have done it 30 years ago," she says. "I was too angry and too close to the situation."

O'Neill says she chose the medium of fiction because of the literary wisdom that says it is truer than trying to relate actual events. In the introduction, she quotes Kurt Vonnegut saying, "All of these true things I am about to tell you are shameless lies."

O'Neill does not hope to eradicate war with her "shameless lies," but she hopes their truth will reach a few people.

The Andover Board of Health, at its regularly scheduled meeting of July 16, 2001, acting in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 111, Section 31, voted unanimously to amend the "Andover Board of Health Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Massage, Vapor, Pool, Shower or other Baths in the Town of Andover", by adding the following Sections:

Section 2F:
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Section 16:
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Dr. Douglas M. Dunbar
Chairman
Andover Board of Health
July 26, 2001

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, on Wednesday, August 01, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of James & JUlie McLeod for restoration of house exterior; addition of a deck to the west side of house; install 12' addition to kitchen on southern side of house. Premises affected is located at 229 Andover Street. The application is available for inspection in the Office of the Inspector of Buildings during business hours, Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate
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ESSEX Division
Docket No. 01P1597-EP1

In the Estate of
WESTON D. EASTMAN

Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death
June 7, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that HARRIETT R. EASTMAN of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON **AUGUST 20, 2001**.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, July 17, 2001

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
July 26, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
(SEAL) Case No. 273256

To **Carl Simon Shelley; Regina E. Shelley** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc. claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 422 River Road, given by Carl Simon Shelley and Regina E. Shelley to Norwest Mortgage of Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Norwest Mortgage, dated July 31, 1998, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 5131, Page 135 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 27th day of August, 2001, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 16th day of July 2001.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder
July 26, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Essex Division
Docket No. 207678
NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of ALFRED L. RIPLEY late of Andover, Essex County.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the thirty-sixth to forty-seventh accounts inclusive, of FLEET NATIONAL BANK, formerly FLEET BANK OF MASSACHUSETTS, N.A. as Trustee - (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased for the benefit of PHILIP F. RIPLEY AND OTHERS have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the twentieth day of August, 2001, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account.(s) If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, JOHN C. STEVENS, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this seventeenth day of July, 2001

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
July 26, 2001

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate
And Family Court Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No. 01P1544-EP1

In the Estate of
ALICE A. POULIN

Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death
March 21, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SHARON A. POULIN of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety. DONALD J. POULIN, the first named executor in said will, having deceased.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON **AUGUST 13, 2001**.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, July 10, 2001

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
July 26, 2001

OFFICE OF THE BALLARDVALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, on Wednesday, August 01, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Rose Gorrie for the demolition of a breezeway and garage; addition of family room and first floor bedroom; and expansion of garage and kitchen. Premises affected is located at 234 Andover Street. The application is available for inspection in the Office of the Inspector of Buildings during business hours, Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Diane R. Derby,
Vice Chairperson
July 26, 2001

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
NOTICE TO MERGE

Gloucester Bank & Trust Company with and into First Massachusetts Bank, N.A.;

Andover Bank with and into First Massachusetts Bank, N.A.

Notice is hereby given that Banknorth Group, Inc. has an application pending with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to acquire Andover Bancorp, Inc. Andover Bancorp, Inc. owns Andover Bank and Gloucester Bank & Trust Company. In anticipation of that acquisition, the following applications have been submitted to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Northeastern District Office, New York, New York to merge the following banks:

1. Gloucester Bank & Trust Company, Gloucester, Massachusetts with and into First Massachusetts Bank, N.A., (d/b/a FirstMass. and also d/b/a Banknorth Mortgage and d/b/a GBT), 370 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608 with the resulting bank to be located at 370 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608, which is an existing First Massachusetts Bank, N.A. branch; and

2. Andover Bank, Andover, Massachusetts with and into First Massachusetts Bank, N.A., (d/b/a FirstMass. and also d/b/a Banknorth Mortgage and d/b/a GBT), 370 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608 with the resulting bank to be located at 370 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608, which is an existing First Massachusetts Bank, N.A. branch; and

As a result of the aforementioned mergers, it is contemplated that the main offices and branch offices of the above-named banks will continue to operate, except for the following:

First Massachusetts Bank, N.A.
Closure

First Massachusetts Bank, N.A. will consolidate its branch located at 77 Main Street, Andover, MA into the Andover Bank branch located at 61 Main Street, Andover, MA.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. This notice will appear three times at approximately two-week intervals over a 30-day period beginning July 16, 2001 and ending August 16, 2001.

Any person desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to: Mr. Anthony DosSantos, Licensing Manager, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 3900, New York, NY 10036-7780. The public file is available for inspection in that office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the licensing manager.

July 16, 2001

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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Essex Division
Docket No. 01C0172CA1

In the Matter of ASHLEY ANN BIZANOWICZ of NORTH ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in a petition described: AND TO MICHAEL JOHN BIZANOWICZ

A petition has been presented praying that ASHLEY ANN BIZANOWICZ by her next friend GAIL LWOWSKI of NORTH ANDOVER in the County of be allowed to change her name as follows:

ASHLEY ANN BIZANOWICZ
TO
ASHLEY ANN LWOWSKI

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORNOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 13, 2001.**

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, July 17, 2001.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
July 26, 2001

TOWN OF ANDOVER

PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, August 14, 2001, at 8:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application made by Paul K. Butt for a 4-Lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "West Parish Farms" on property owned by the applicant, located at 14 Bailey Road, more specifically identified as Assessor's Map 219, Parcel 8. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Paul Salafia, Chairman
July 26, August 2, 2001

CORRECTED
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR in SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, WHITTIER COURT ENTRANCE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, August 2, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Michael Brower & Julia Scolnik, 154 Main Street, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, § V.A. (4.1.2) and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, § VII.A.1(3.3.5) to demolish addition & construct a family room & screened porch that will not meet dimensional requirements and to allow the continued existence of a non-conforming shed.

Premises affected are located at 154 Main Street, Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District: and are shown on Assessor's Map 40 as Lot 58.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
July 19 & 26, 2001

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR in SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, WHITTIER COURT ENTRANCE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, August 2, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Michael & Sharon Olivieri, 23 Suncrest Road Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, § 4.1.2 and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, § VII.A.1 (3.3.5) to construct a 20'x24' addition that will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 23 Suncrest Road, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 62 as Lot 22.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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BOARD OF APPEALS
July 19 & 26, 2001

CORRECTED
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR in SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, WHITTIER COURT ENTRANCE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, August 2, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Alan & Janet Douglass, 354 River Road, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, § V.A.(4.1.2) to subdivide one lot into two, one of which does not meet the zoning by-law dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 354 River Road, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 215 as Lot 22.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
July 19 & 26, 2001

TOWN OF ANDOVER

PLANNING BOARD

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ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Paul Salafia, Chairman
July 26, August 2, 2001

TOWN OF ANDOVER

PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, August 14, 2001, at 8:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application made by Paul K. Butt for a Special Permit for Earth Movement in a proposed 4-lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "West Parish Farms" on property owned by the applicant, located at 14 Bailey Road, more specifically identified as Assessor's Map 219, Parcel 8. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER
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July 26, August 2, 2001

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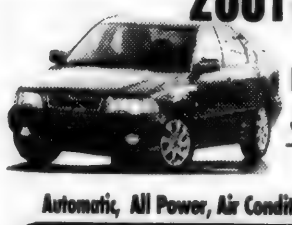
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, August 14, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on a request of Marriott Senior Living Services, Inc. for an extension of time in which to exercise special permits (SP98-12 and SP98-13) associated with the construction of an 84-unit assisted living facility on property located at 170 Haverhill Street near the North Andover line, and being more specifically identified as Lot 3 on Assessor's Map 1. Plans and documents associated with the request may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Paul Salafia, Chairman
July 26, August 2, 2001

TOWN OF ANDOVER

PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, August 14, 2001, at 8:45 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on a request of Andover-Portland Avenue Associates, Inc. for an extension of time and/or modification of a special permit (SP99-04) associated with the construction of a 124-unit hotel on property located at 168, 172 and 174 River Road, and being specifically identified as Lots 5, 6 and 7 on Assessor's Map 166. Plans and documents associated with the request may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Paul Salafia, Chairman
July 26, August 2, 2001

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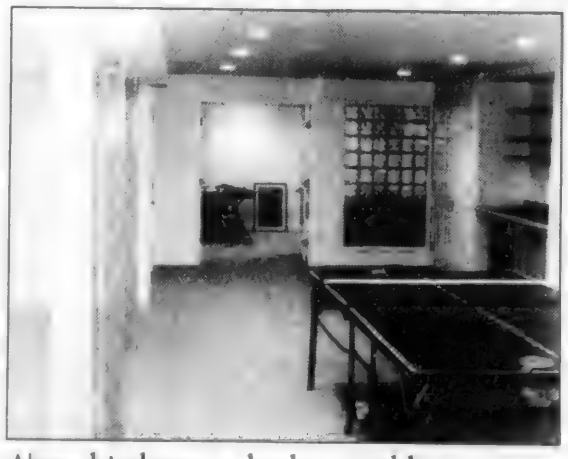

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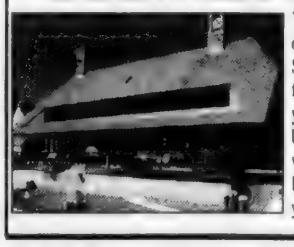

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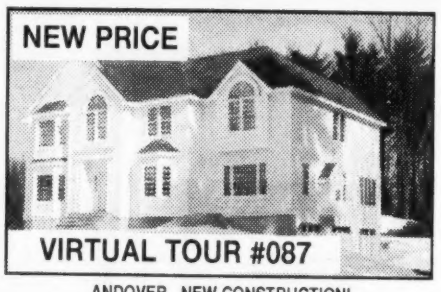

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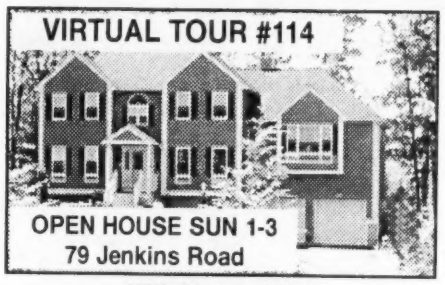

ANDOVER, Lush Setting!
Enjoy the tranquility & pond view
Beautifully designed & decorated
9 RM ~ 4 BR ~ 3.5 ßBA ~ 3+ Acres
FP fam rm ~ Sunny Kit ~ HW flrs
Sec sys ~ CAir ~ Finished LL
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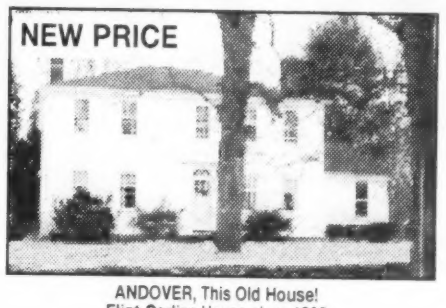

ANDOVER, This Old House!
Flint Corliss House circa 1809
Beautiful period details still intact
Needs Loving Restoration
addition includes 2 car garage w/apt
14 rm ~ 6+ BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 5 FP
Another listing by Debbie Moore x238
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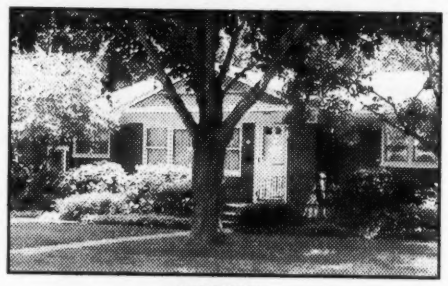

ANDOVER!
Lovingly cared for Ranch near town!
convenient location ~ great potential
6 rooms ~ 3 bedrooms ~ 2 car attached
HW ~ newer windows ~ breezeway
Lower level w/FP ~ living rm
Another listing by Kirk Clarke x226
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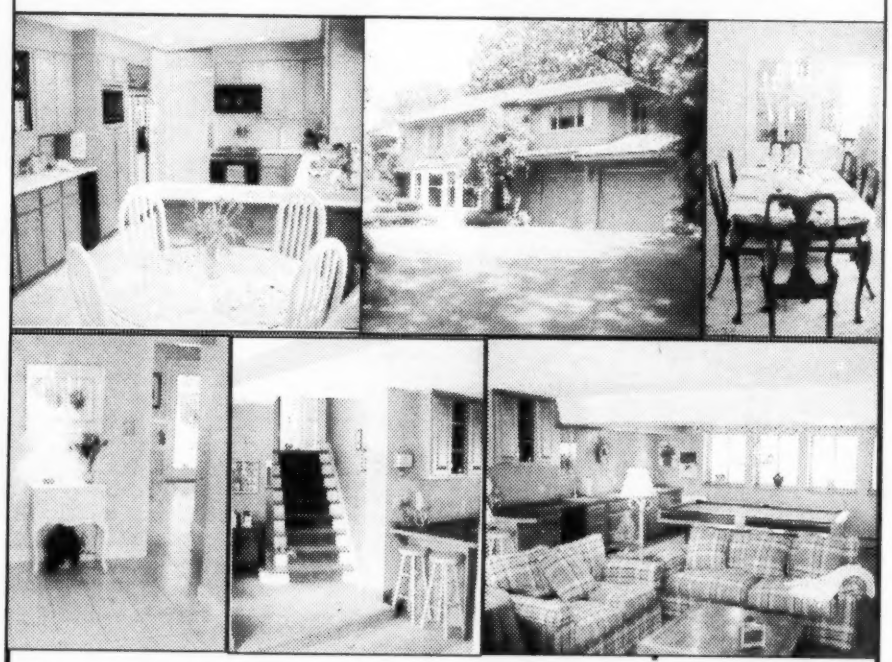
Open House Sunday 1-3! $729,900
Johnson Acres, 78 Cheever Circle!



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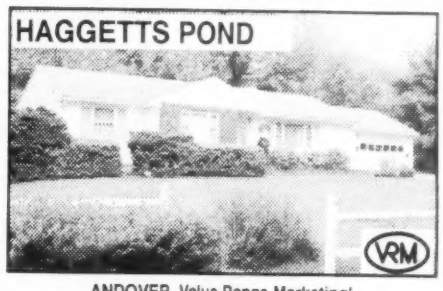
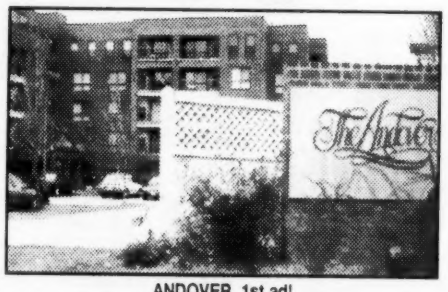


ANDOVER, Value Range Marketing!
Mint condition, 5 acres, quality throughout
gleaming HW ~ 6 panel doors
8 rm ~ 3 BR ~ 2 car attached
VRM #37 Seller to entertain offers
in range $329,000-$378,876
Another listing by Pam Lebowitz x265
pamela5100@aol.com



ANDOVER, 1st ad!
Sought after Railroad Square Condo!
One of the largest units with garage parking
2 bedrooms ~ 2 full baths ~ kitchen
Close to town, train, shops & library
Separate dining area ~ building has elevator
Another listing by Kathy Edholm x217
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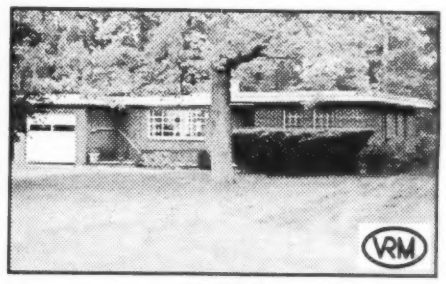
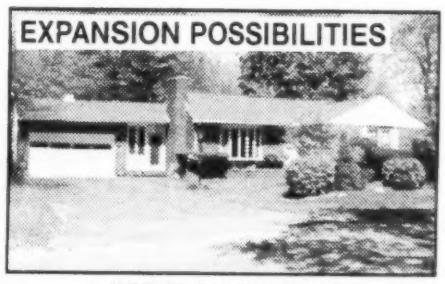


ANDOVER!
Beautiful acre lot abuts AVIS land
7 rooms ~ 4 BR ~ newer roof
Terrific open flr plan ~ HW
Frplcd liv rm ~ newer kit & bath
Seller to consider offers in
VRM #32 $244,900-$284,876
Another listing by Pam Lebowitz x265

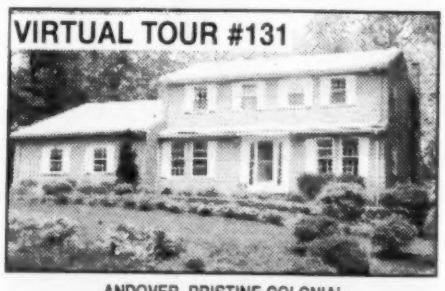
ANDOVER, 1st ad!
Terrific Shawsheen area location!
Brick ranch ~ cul-de-sac ~ level lot
2100+ liv. sp. ~ patio ~ deck ~ 7/3/2
Liv rm w/gas FP ~ open flr plan
Fam rm w2nd bath off updated kit
Another new listing by Sue Papalia x209
spapalia@andoverliving.com $339,900



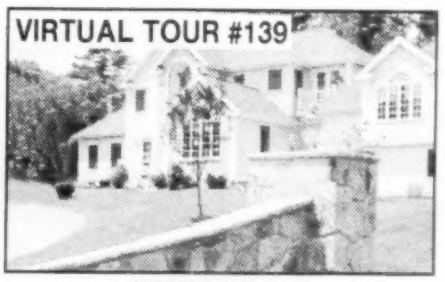
ANDOVER, Brick Front Ranch!
Minutes to town , schools & 93, 495
Almost an acre level lot with private backyard
3 BR/2.5 BA ~ HW floors ~ 2 fireplaces
Breezeway/sunroom, attached 2 car garage
Fin walk-out low lev w/FP fam rm
Another listing by Young Lee x232
ylee@andoverliving.com $399,900

ANDOVER, Prime Location!
Terrific open floor plan
9+ Rms ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 3300+ sf
Updated kitchen w/JennAire
LR w/wetbar& FP ~ 11' ceilings
Sunporch ~ Heated in ground pool
Another new listing by Maureen Collins x227
mcollins@andoverliving.com $789,900

ANDOVER, Cross School!
Colonial with cozy farmers porch is set back 300 ft.
20' x 40' kitchen with birch cabinets ~ Fireplaced living room
1st floor room with bath & separate entrance
French doors to cedar deck with spectacular views
Family room with stone fireplace
9 rooms ~ 4 bedrooms ~ 2 baths ~ $739,900
Another listing by Deborah Perrone x206



ANDOVER, PRISTINE COLONIAL
Set on acre+ lot with mature landscaping
9 room Col on acre plus in South School
4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 2 car attached
FP family rm ~ updated kitchen and baths
Lg Low lev fam rm ~ deck ~ patio
Another listing by The Moody Team x251
bmoody@andoverliving.com $629,900



ANDOVER, Magnificent!
Elegant interior & tastefully decorated
11 RM ~ 5 BR ~ 4 BA ~ 4400 SF ~ 3 car gar
Marble foyer ~ Cherry kit ~ Luxurious Master
Formal LR, DR ~ Cozy library ~ FP Great Room
Lush landscaped grounds with stonework
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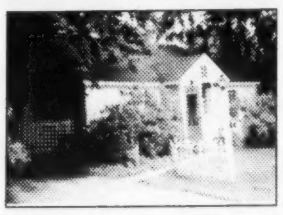
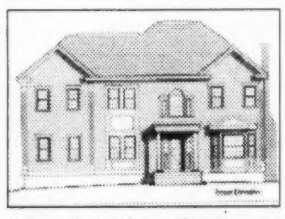


Andover - academy area fixer upper Cape on wooded private lot w/6 RMs, 3 BRs, frml LR & DR w/built-ins, wd flrs, walk-up attic for potential expansion, updated electric and heating. **$249,900.**
Call Jeannette Belben x150.

North Andover - 6 RM, 3 BR, 1.5 BA Cape in Library area. Eat-in kit, FR, remodeled in '94. Very well maintained. **$299,900.**
Call Roger Collins x167.

Andover - Great alternative to a condo! 5 RM, 2 BR, expandable Ranch w/updated BAs, new shingled roof, lge fenced yard close to schools and highways. **$249,900.**
Call Margaret O'Connor x134.

Andover - Great new price $364,900! 7 RMs, 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs Gambrel w/front/back FP LR, eat-in kitchen w/slider to three season porch. If you want private, newer and easy access to highways this home has it all.
Call Bill Buck x145.



Andover - Live in a showcase home! New construction neighboring Phillips Academy. 10 RM, 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/gourmet kit, butler's pantry, library, 3 car garage and more. **$749,900.**
Call Julie Rubino x160.

Andover - Sought after convenient Washington Park! 2nd floor bright & cheerful unit w/5 RM, 2 BR, parquet oak floor, freshly painted interior, pool, tennis and deck. **$184,900.**
Call Carla Burns x143.

North Andover - Construction underway! Stop by this 10 RM, 4 BR, 2.5 Colonial w/2 FPs, hdwd flrs, 3 car garage, town sewer and more. **$774,900.**
Call John Cusack x141 for additional information!

Andover - New Price $329,900! Charming, totally renovated 1900's Colonial. 7 RM, 3 BR, 2 full designer tiled BAs, fully applianced kit, replacement title windows, formal DR, LR a real gem! Dir: North Main St to Sweeney Court.
Call Audrey Orrell x131/Dot Hardock x164.

LAND FOR SALE

Andover - Build your dream home! Ideal location overlooking serene Bakers Meadow Pond. Established picturesque neighborhood. 31,250 sq. ft. lot **$459,900.** Call Dot Hardock x164.

North Andover - Craving the country? Flexible interior flr plan w/7 RMs, 3-4 BR, 1.5 BA Cape set on oversized level lot. FP LR, hrdwd flrs, airy kitchen w/dining area. New price **$314,900.**
Call Carla Burns x143.

Andover - New listing! Expanded 4 BR Cape loc in South School District. This pristine home features updated maple kit w/top of the line appliances, charming DR w/generous built-ins, FR adjacent to kit, 2 full BA. Tastefully updated throughout. Gorgeous acre lot. Great commuting location. Terrific opportunity @ **$389,500** Call Mary O'Donoghue x151.

North Andover - Just listed! Spacious 6 RM, 3 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/central air, FP, kit w/center island, huge garage, fenced yard, front porch. A lovely home in a great location. **$334,900.**
Call Carol Mejail x156.

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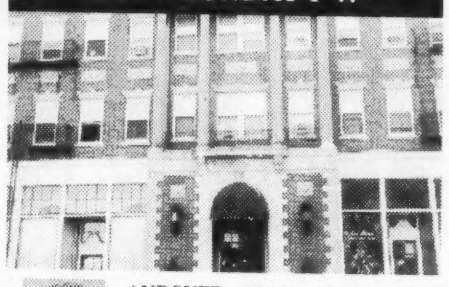
Paula Tuttle

HAVERHILL - Pristine 1st floor garden unit at Hunters Run. Two bedrooms, hardwood and new wall-to-wall, newly painted, neutral decor, beautifully maintained. Lovely patio area. **$142,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!



Janet Pratt

ANDOVER - 354 No. Main St. #211. 1st ad! Mint condition oversized 1 bedroom unit - 10' ceilings, white kitchen with new appliances, Pergo flooring, great storage, elevator, pets allowed. **$159,000**

JUST LISTED!

Maureen Heinze

ATKINSON, NH - Bryant Woods! Beautifully maintained 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath corner unit -open concept, cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, dining room, garage. Pool, clubhouse, tennis, walking trails. **$242,500**

NEW PRICE!

Paula Tuttle

ANDOVER - Bright and sunny older-style Colonial with lots of charm. Open feeling on main level, wood floors, built-ins, window seat, newly painted, updated electric, private rear lot. **$309,900**

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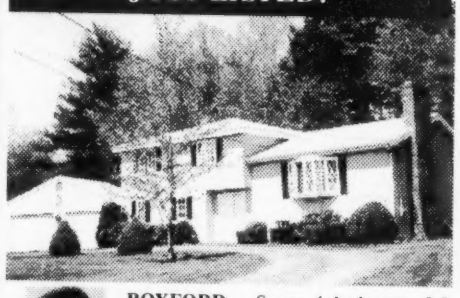


Sandra Pinkham

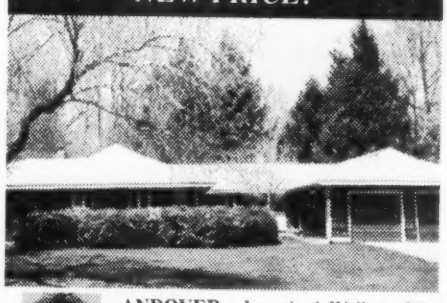
BOXFORD - Super 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath family home on 3 acre lot, rolling and open, with circular drive, in-ground pool and small 2 stall barn. Freshly painted inside and out. **$399,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

Bernadette Gibson

NORTH ANDOVER - 754 Boxford St. The feel of Boxford with the amenities of No. Andover! Freshly painted 8 room Colonial in private wooded acre+ setting 5 minutes from schools, shopping, commuter routes. **$459,900**

NEW PRICE!



Sally Factor

ANDOVER - Location! Walk to Pike and Phillips from this oversized 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Ranch. Fireplaced living room, family room, air conditioned, 2 car garage. Needs your decorating touches. **$459,900**

NEW PRICE!

Cheryl Foster

ANDOVER - Classic hip roof Colonial on corner of country cul-de-sac near new Cross Street school. All hardwood floors, fieldstone fireplaced family room, neutral decor - original owner. **$479,900**

NEW PRICE!

Rosemary Draper

ANDOVER - Exceptional 9 room Colonial features hardwood floors, beamed ceiling great room plus family room, 3 season sun porch, 24x12 sun deck, gorgeous lot on cul-de-sac near town. **$504,900**

NEW PRICE!

Sue Shepard

ANDOVER - Hike from your backyard! Lovely 4 bedroom Colonial at end of cul-de-sac abutting conservation land. New carpeting, wonderful porch overlooks sparking in-ground pool. **$514,900**

NEW PRICE!

Maureen Keller

ANDOVER - Gracious young brick front Colonial boasting granite kitchen, all hardwood floors, Andersen windows, 4 car garage. All top quality throughout. Convenient to town, train, schools. **$569,000**

NEW PRICE!

Kathy Tarro

ANDOVER - Walk to elementary school! Brick front Saltbox with fantastic new kitchen, all hardwood & tile floors, 4 season rooms, in-ground pool, hot tub, gorgeous perennial gardens. Near commuter rail and park! **$575,000**

JUST LISTED!

Sandra Pinkham

BOXFORD - Newer 9 room Colonial in impeccable condition with walk-up attic, finished lower level. Cathedral ceiling family room with stone fireplace, kitchen opens to deck. Private 2+ acre lot. **$579,000**

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Jeane Sullivan

ANDOVER - Resort living at home! Classy 9+ room Garrison features walk-out lower level with recreation room with wet bar, exercise room, changing room with bath, sliders to heated gunite pool and Jacuzzi. **$735,000**

JUST LISTED!

Elaine Carson

NORTH ANDOVER - Exciting Post & Beam Contemporary on small cul-de-sac. Soaring ceilings, walls of glass, 1st floor master with marble bath with Jacuzzi, 33' deck overlooks private lot. **$799,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 12-2!

Rosemary Draper

ANDOVER - 2 Blueberry Hill. 3 floors of living! Stunning 5 bedroom Colonial in desirable PA neighborhood. Super master bedroom, great room with we bar, family room, library - loaded! **$829,000**

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